



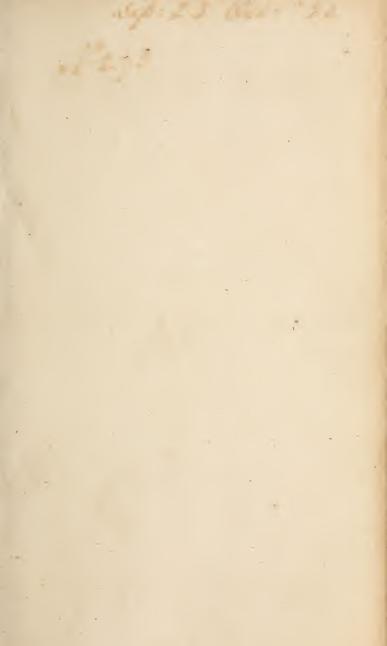
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ELOCUTION.

RHYTHMICAL READER:

BEING

A SELECTION OF PIECES

IN

PROSE AND VERSE,

PRESENTED UNDER A SYSTEM OF NOTATION WHICH EXHIBITS THE MEASURE OF SPEECH, THE QUANTITIES OF SYLLABLES, AND

THE JUST ADMEASUREMENT OF PAUSES.

DESIGNED FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS,

AS WELL AS FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS
WHO WISH TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES

IN THE ART OF

READING AND SPEAKING.

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PREFACE.

In the year 1830, I published a volume, entitled Practical Elocution; or, The Art of Reading Simplified. It consisted of extracts from the writings of various authors, presented under the notation of Joshua Steele. Since that period I have been solicited by a number of respectable teachers to publish another work on the same plan, with the exclusion of pieces of a dramatic character. I, therefore, present the public with a work of this description.

In this, as in the former work, I have used Steele's notation. This notation divides discourse into rhythmical sections, gives the length of each syllable, and the place and duration of each pause; and by its ingenious construction enables a reader to bring out the sense in a clear and forcible manner, without hurrying respiration, and, consequently, without producing exhaustion: for, even under the

most energetic delivery, according to this system of notation, the respiratory function is but slightly disturbed. The notation, however, cannot be duly appreciated by those who are not practically acquainted with the system; but I feel confident, that whoever does become practically acquainted with it, will not deny its utility.

INTRODUCTION.

OF ARTICULATION.

A GOOD ARTICULATION consists in the distinct utterance of the elements of speech, either separately, or when combined into words; and in making such a distinction between syllables, that the ear may readily perceive to which syllable each element belongs.*

Without good articulation it is impossible to be a correct reader or speaker. Those who have been accustomed to pronounce their words in a careless or slovenly manner, will find it difficult, even with their best efforts, to utter them distinctly: the organs of articulation, for the want of proper exertion, having become, as it were, paralyzed. The pupil, therefore, at the very commencement of his studies, should be conducted through a series of exercises, calculated to strengthen the muscles of articulation, and render them obedient to the will. The best method for effecting these purposes, is to exercise the voice on the elements of speech: first, on each element separately; and then, on some of their most difficult combinations.

The number of elementary sounds in the English language is thirty-eight. They are usually divided into vowels and consonants; but the division of Dr. Rush is much better. Without discarding altogether former di-

^{*} See Sheridan's Lectures.

visions of the elements, he makes a new classification, founded on their use in intonation. He arranges them under three general heads—Tonics, Subtonics, and Atonics.

The Tonics "consist of different sorts of vocality," and are the most important agents in intonation. They are usually denominated vowel sounds. Their number is fifteen.

The Subtonics possess "variously among themselves, properties analogous to those of the tonics, but differing in degree." They amount to fourteen.

The Atonics are mere aspirations. They are nine in number.

Table of the Elements

Tonics.

ou

à as hea	rd in ale, day, fate.
å	arm, farm.
å	all, law, for, orb.
å	an, man, idea, fat.
è	eel, eve, see, imitate.
å	end, met.
ì	isle, ice fly, pine.
2	in, pin, England.
ò	old, no, more, oats.
ò	ooze, lose, too, to, move, fool.
ð	on, lock, not.
ù	few, tube, pupil.
ů	up, her, hurt.
ů	full, pull, wolf.

our, now, flour, flower.

Subtonics.

b as heard i	n bow, orb, barb.
d	day, bid, did.
g	gay, fig, gig.
1	light, all, lull.
m	mind, storm, maim.
n	no, on, nine.
ng	song, think, finger.
r	roe, war, rare, orb.
th	then, with, beneath.
\mathbf{v}	vile, live, vivid, valve.
W	wo, wave, world.
У	yoke, yonder.
Z	zone, his, Xenophon.
zh	azure, enclosure.
tonio	

Atonics.

+

f as heard in fame, if, drift.

h he, hence.

k kite, wreck, cake.

p pit, up, apt.

s sin, yes, crisp, cell.

sh shine, push, flushed.

take, it, oats,

th thin, truth, months.

wh when, which, what.

Six of the tonic elements are *Monothongs*; that is, they have a uniform sound throughout their concrete movement. The remaining nine are *Diphthongs*, and "have different sounds for the extremes of their intervals."

The monothongs are, e, e, e, f, ô, û, û. The diphthongs are, a, a, a, a, t, b, o, ou.

The diphthongs à and i have each a peculiar sound for their radical, and the monothong è for their vanish; * å, å, å, and å, have each a peculiar sound for their radical, and the monothong å for their vanish; † ò, ù, and ou have each a peculiar sound for their radical, and the monothong å for their vanish. For the purpose of illustration, let the letters which represent the diphthongs, stand only for the radicals of these elements—then the analysis of the diphthongs may be shown, thus:

=	
Radicals.	Vanishes
å	ė
å	ů
å	ů
å	û
1	è
Ò	å
å	ů
ů	õ
ou	ð

The tonic elements should be exploded from the throat

^{*} The note of speech, or a single effort of the voice on an element or syllable, according to Dr. Rush, commences with a certain degree of fulness, and gradually diminishes till its termination. The two parts of the movement thus distinguished, he calls the *radical* and *vanish*. The term concrete includes both radical and vanish.

[†] The compound nature of the diphthongs å, å, å, and ò, is not very perceptible, unless they are pronounced interrogatively, and with long quantity.

in every range of pitch within the compass of the voice, and with every possible degree of force.*

This is a very important exercise. It strengthens the voice, by giving it body; or, in other words, (if I may use the expression,) by increasing its density, or specific gravity. The notes of a public speaker, who has this explosive power of the voice, fall with distinctness upon the ear; whereas, those of another whose voice has not been improved by this exercise, are often feeble and inefficient.

But the exploding of the elements answers a far more important purpose than that of developing the voice; it is a powerful means of invigorating the pulmonary organs. All the blood, in the course of its circulation, passes through the lungs, and there undergoes a change, not only essential to health, but also to life. Whenever the lungs become debilitated, they do not properly perform their office; and hence the whole system suffers: in fact, the very citadel of life is sapped, and unless efficient measures are taken to enable the lungs to recover their tone, death is the result. Now, one of the best remedies for strengthening the lungs, and securing them against the invasion of disease, is to exercise the voice on the tonic elements. If every individual, both male and female, were daily to explode these elements, and read a few pages aloud, according to the principles laid down in this volume, the number of deaths from pulmonary affections, especially

^{*} An element is exploded in the following manner: make a full inspiration, and close the throat—then utter the element with a sudden emission of the breath. The process is somewhat analogous to a single act of coughing.

consumption, I have no doubt, would be, in a measure, diminished. My pupils have frequently told me, that they always feel better after the exercise. A young gentleman who has been in the practice of resorting to a gymnasium for the benefit of his health, assures me that he has derived more advantage from exploding the elements and reading aloud, than he has from his gymnastic exercises. Let those, therefore, who visit gymnasiums for the purpose of exercising their limbs, not forget the equally important gymnastics of the pulmonary organs. In schools, the exercise of exploding the elements, should never be neglected. There can be no objection raised against it on account of its taking time—it need not occupy more than five minutes, as the whole school can explode them in concert.*

The pupil should exercise his voice every day upon the subtonics and atonics. The subtonics should be uttered in the most energetic manner, and with long quantity. Much of the beauty of good reading depends on the distinct utterance of the subtonic and atonic elements.

Table exhibiting the Analysis of Words, in which there are easy combinations of Elements.

In the first column are presented a few words as they are usually spelt; in the second, their elements, separated by hyphens. Let the pupil spell the words, uttering, separately, each element, and not the *name* of the letter, as is generally done in the schools.

^{*} The author has published a table of the elements, on a large scale, for the use of Schools, Gymnasiums, and private families. It is varnished, and mounted on rollers, like a map.

Note.—The subtonic th is printed in small capitals, and the atonic th in italics, that one may not be mistaken for the other.

ale	å-l	flew	f-l-ù
day	d-à	crew	k-r-ð
fame	f-à-m	tube	t-ù-b
arm	å-r-m	up	ů-p
cart	k-å-r-t	flirt	f-l-å-r-t
all	å-l	wool	w-ů-l
call	k-å-l	pull	p-ů-l
awe	å	our	ou-r
orb	å-r-b	power	p-ou-ů-r
morn	m-å-r-n	blame	b-l-à-m
add	å-d	claim	k-l-à-m
lamb	l-å-m	spoil	s-p-å-1-l
eve	e - v	dare	d-å-r
leave	l-ė-v	fair	f-å-r
plea	p-l-ė	think	th - $ ext{i-ng-k}$
deeds	\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{e} - \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{z}	beneath	b-e-n-e-тн
end	ê-n-d	faith	\mathbf{f} - $\mathbf{\dot{a}}$ - th
net	n-ể-t	yoke	y-ò-k
isle	i-l	lady	l-à-d-ė
file	f-i-l	world	w-ů-r-1-d
sky	s-k-i	fight	f-i-t
ink	i∙ng-k	thought	<i>th-</i> å-t
oak	ò-k	shrine	sh-r-l-n
more	m-ð-r	loaves	1-ò-v-z
mow	m-ò	noise	n-å-e-z
00Ze	ỗ- Z	disdain	d-i-z-d-a-n
lose	l -ỏ- z	nature	n-à-t-sh-y-ù-r
to	t-å	feign	f-a-n
on	ð-n	thumb	<i>th-</i> ů-m
lock	l-å-k	shrub	sh-r-ů-b
flock	f-l-ð-k	azure	à-zh-y-ù-r
once	w-ů-n-s	spice	s-p-i-s
spell	s-p-ê-l	wave	w-a-v
waste	w-a-s-t	wealth	w-ê-l- <i>th</i>
clear	k-l-ė-r	pause	p-å-z

Table exhibiting the Analysis of Words in which there are difficult combinations of Elements.

months	m-ů-n-th-s	friendship	f-r-ë-n-d-sh-i-p
lengths	l-ë-ng-th-s	attempts	å-t-t-e-m-t-s
rhythm	r-1-th-m	exhausts	é-g-z-h-å-s-t-s
twists	t-w-1-s-t-s	thirteenths	th-ů-r-t-e-n-th-s
smoked	s-m-ò-k-t	projects	p-r-o-d-d-zh-e-k-t-s
breadths	b-r-e-d-th-s	betrothed	b-e-t-r-o-th-t
tasks	t-å-s-k-s	vanquished	v-å-ng-k-w-î-sh-t
mulcts	m-ů-l-k-t-s	precepts	p-r-e-s-e-p-t-s
thwack	th-w-å-k	softness	s-å-f-t-n-ë-s
shrugged	sh-r-å-g-d	deepest	d-e-p-e-s-t
tugged	t-å-g-d	greatest	g-r-a-t-e-s-t
plugged	p-l-å-g-d	perfectly	p·ė-r-f-ė-k-t-l-ė
bragged	b-r-å-g-d	themselves	TH-e-m-s-e-l-v-z
begged	b-ê-g-d	suspects	s-ů-s-p-é-k-t-s
bursts	b-u-r-s-t-s	resolves	r-e-z-o-l-v-z
swagged	s-w-å-g-d	exists	e-g-z-i-s-t-s
dredged	d-r-e-d-zh-d	thousands	th-ou-z-å-n-d-z
swerved	s-w-e-r-v-d	thousandth	th-ou-z-å-n-d-th
acts	å-k-t-s	mouths	m-ou-TH-Z
wives	W-1-V-Z	objects	ỏ-b-d-zh-ể-k-t-s

The article, a, should have the sound of u in up; thus, He was a man; not he was a man.

The, when situated before a word beginning with a tonic, should be pronounced the; before a word beginning with a subtonic, or atonic, thu; thus,

The arts and thu sciences; not the sciences.

RHYTHMUS.

General Definition.—"RHYTHMUS is an instinctive sense and idea of dividing the duration of all sounds and

motions, by an equal periodical pulsation, like the oscillations, or swings of a pendulum."*

All discourse, prose as well as verse, when correctly spoken, falls under rhythmical divisions. These divisions are called measures, or cadences; and, as the pulsation which points out these measures is marked with vertical bars, the measures themselves have obtained the name of bars. If the word alphabet be repeated several times successively, each repetition will be a rhythmical measure, and the whole taken together will constitute a rhythmical clause—thus:

The beginning of each measure is heavy, the ending light, and the word *poise* is used to express both these affections. But there are three degrees of poise, which are denoted by the following signs:

Heavy (
$$\triangle$$
), light (...), lighter (...).

The word alphabet may serve as an example to illustrate the three degrees of poise.

Thus, the first syllable is heavy; the third, light; the second, lighter.

"Quantity is a term used to discriminate the relative value of sounds in duration of time." Hence, the quantity of a syllable is its length, and is measured by the time occupied in its pronunciation.

^{*} Steele's Prosodia Rationalis. † Steele.

The following characters are called notes, and are employed for the expression of quantity:

Quaver - | equal to 1, shortest quantity.

Crotchet - \forall = 2, short quantity. Minim - \forall = 4, long quantity.

Semibreve \(\mu \) = 8, longest quantity.

Hence,

The following marks are denominated rests, and denote pauses:

Quaver rest - \sim equal to 1.

Crotchet rest - - = 2

Minim rest - = 4.

Semibreve rest | = 8.

Hence, a | = = = = > > > > > = 9 > 9 > 9 > 9 > 9

A point or dot following any note or rest, makes such note or rest half as long again as it otherwise would be, were there no dot annexed to it; or, in other words, increases its length in the ratio of 2 to 3. This may be seen in the following examples, in which are introduced all the different proportions of quantity employed in this work.

Quaver - - - | = 1. Quaver rest - - - = 1. Dotted quaver | = $1\frac{1}{2}$. Dotted quaver rest $= 1\frac{1}{2}$.

Crotchet $- - \gamma = 2$. Crotchet rest $- - \sim = 2$.

Dotted crotchet y'=3. Dotted crotchet rest ~ = 3.

Minim $\cdot \cdot \cdot \circ = 4$. Minim rest $- \cdot \cdot = 4$. Dotted minim $\circ \cdot = 6$. Dotted minim rest $- \cdot = 6$. Semibreve $\cdot = 8$. Semibreve rest $- \cdot = 8$.

Rhythmus is divided into two general modes of time or measure, common and triple. In common measure, the whole time of the cadence or bar is divisible by the number 2; and when there are two crotchets in a bar, this number is placed at the beginning of the piece; but when there are four crotchets in a bar, the letter C is employed. In triple measure, the whole time of the cadence, is divisible by the number 3.

I will now give an example of each genus, placing the notes of quantity over the syllables, and using rests where they are required.

Example of common time—2 crotchets in a bar.

Second example of common time—4 crotchets in a bar.

Example of triple time-3 crotchets in a bar.

Another example of triple time-3 crotchets in a bar.

Should it be thought necessary to make a pause after grove, in the first example of common time, another measure must be introduced, thus:

When the sense of the passage requires a pause its length is determined by the rhythmus. Hence, if a longer pause be made after grove, than is there expressed, a silent bar must be introduced, thus:

And if a still longer pause be required, the figure 2 may be placed in the silent bar, which would indicate two bars rest; or the figure 3, which would denote three bars rest, &c. &c.

In the above example, I have placed the marks of poise not only under the syllables, but also under the rests; because "the affections of heavy and light, are constantly alternate and periodical as the swings of a pendulum, and must be continued by conception in the mind during all measured rests or pauses, as well as during the continuance of sound."*

The figure 3 placed over three crotchets, or their equivalent, signifies that they are to be read in the time of two, as in the following examples of common time:

When the sense requires the movement to be quickened, or made slower, it is denoted by the following words:

Very fast.
Fast.
Rather fast.
Moderate.
Rather slow.
Slow.
Very slow.

I apply the term *moderate*, to discourse that requires a medium rate of utterance, as simple narrative. Rather fast is a degree faster than moderate; rather slow, a degree slower, &c. Other terms are employed to denote the manner of reading; but their application will be understood by examining the exercises.

"It will perhaps be asked here—what is the meaning of these divisions? And what useful purpose do they serve in instruction?

"All the works on elocution before the time of Mr.

Steele, recommend the accurate accentuation of words, and a strict attention to their separation at the proper places for pausing. Mr. Sheridan, indeed, has given a notation for rhetorical pause and emphasis. But he has proposed no scheme to draw the attention of the pupil to the subject of accent. That this subject is of the utmost importance in the schools of elocution, will be admitted by those who have observed the manner in which children learn to read: for the close attention which their ignorance requires, and the slowness of utterance, lead them to lay an equal stress on every syllable, or at least upon every word.

"This habit continues a long time after the eye has acquired a facility in following up discourse; and, in some cases, this vice infects pronunciation throughout subsequent life. The notation of Mr. Steele, which has a symbol for each degree of stress, would certainly obviate this tendency of accentuation, by marking both the heavy and the light syllables, and thus affording a guide to the pupil in the absence of the master. I do not say that these objects would not be attained, in a degree, by employing the common mark of stress on all the accented syllables of discourse. But even this is never done, and if it were, it would not be as definite as the conspicuous division by bars; nor would it include the indication of pause, together with other points enumerated in this system,

"One of the objects of a scientific institute is to point out what is necessary in the art, even if it is not able to tell the exact mode of executing it: and I will venture to assert that no person who has heard of Mr. Steele's system of notation, will hesitate to acknowledge that it has set the phenomena of accentuation and pause before his attention, in a manner which had never occurred to him before; but which, when known, seems to spring immediately out of what he did know before.

"This notation will not indeed inform us what syllables are to be accented or emphatic, nor where the pauses are to be placed: but it will enable a master, who knows how to order all these things in speech, to furnish that which most men require for every thing they do—a copy. If a boy is taught by a well appointed scoring in this method, he acquires the habit of attention to the subject of accentuation and pause, which may be readily applied by him in ordinary discourse."

FAULTS OF READERS.

Some of the most prominent faults of readers are the following:

1. Imperfect articulation, or the entire omission of one or more elements of a word.

Examples.—His is incorrectly pronounced is; her, er; and, an; orb, awb; purse, pus; months, munse; must, mus; friendship, frienship; &c.

2. The introduction of a supernumerary element into a word.

Examples.—Even is incorrectly pronounced e-ven; heaven, heav-en; myrtle, myrtle; little, little; &c.

^{*} Philosophy of the Human voice, by James Rush, M. D.

3. The exchanging of one element for another.

Examples.—To is incorrectly pronounced tur; of, uv; from, frum; morning, mornin; judgment, judgmunt; command, cummand; believe, burlieve; vision, wision, virtue, wurtue, &c.

4. Incorrect Intonation.—The faults of intonation are so many, that my limits will not allow me even to enumerate them. Those who wish information on this subject, I refer to Dr. Rush's Philosophy of the Human Voice, a work which should be profoundly studied by all who are ambitious of accomplishment in the Art of Reading and Speaking.

RHYTHMICAL READER.

THE THREE WARNINGS.

MRS. THRALE.

Moderate

2 The tree of deepest root is found Least
Y Y Y Y Q P Twas willing still to quit the ground: Twas
therefore said by ancient sages, That love of
Y' Y' Y' Y' Y' That
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y When pains grow
sharp, and sickness rages, The greatest
Y Y Y Y This great af-
Y Y ~ Y ~ Which all con-
fess, but few per- ceive, If old as-

Y Y Y
hear a modern tale. When sports went
round, and all were gay, On neighbour
Dodson's wedding day, Death call'd a-
Y' Y Y P With him into an-
oth er room; And looking grave— Rather slow.
Y
Rather fast, with the expression of surprise.
quit my Y Y Y ' C With Y - Y ou!"
Moderate. Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Be- side, in
truth, I'm not pre- par'd: My thoughts on

other matters go; This is my weddingday you know." What more he urged, I have not heard, His reasons could not well be stronger; So Death the poor de- linquent spar'd. And left to live a | YY | Y' | | Wet | Calling | up a | serious | look, | His hour-glass trembled while he spoke— "Neighbour," he said, "FF M Y' farewell. No more shall Death dis- turb your mirthful hour; And farther, to a-void all blame Of cruelty upon my name, To give you time for prepar- ation, And fit you for your future station, Three several Warnings

you shall have, Be- fore you're summon'd to the grave. | Willing for once I'll quitmy prey, And grant a kind re- prieve; In hopes you'll have no more to say; But when I call a-gain this way, Well pleas'd the world will leave." To these con- ditions both con-sented, And parted perfectly contented. What next the hero of our tale be- fell, How long he liv'd, how wise, how well, How roundly he pur- su'd his course, And smok'd his pipe, and strok'd his horse, The willing muse shall tell: He chaffer'd then, he bought, he sold

Nor once per-ceiv'd his growing old, Nor thought of Death as near: His friends not false, his wife no shrew; Many his gains, his children few, He pass'd his hours in peace. But while he view'd his | Y' | Y' | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | While | thus a- | long Life's | Old Time, whose haste no mortal spares, Un- | call'd, | r. | Y. | r. | | Q una- wares, | Brought on his eightieth year. And now, one night, in musing mood As all alone he sat, The un- welcome messenger of Fate Once more be- fore him stood. Half

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kill'd with anger and sur- prise, So
 Moderate.
soon, d'ye call it?" Death re- plies:
Surely, my friend, you're but in jest!
Since I was here be- fore Tis six-and-
thirty years at least, And you now are fourscore."
So much the worse," the clown re-
join'd, To spare the aged would be kind:
How- ever, see your search be legal;
And your au-thority— is't regal?
Else you are come on a fool's errand, With but a
secretary's warrant. Be- side, you
promis'd me Three Warnings, Which I have
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look'd for nights and mornings! But for that loss of time and ease, I can recover damages." 2 "I know," cries Death, "that, at the best, I seldom am a welcome guest; But don't be captious, friend, at least: thought you'd still be able To stump about your farm and stable; Your years have run to a great length; I wish you joy, though, of your strength!" Fr G"Hold," says the farmer, not so fast! | Y Y Y | Y | Y Y | Past." And | no great wonder," Death re-plies: "How-

Y Y Y Y Y O And
Y' Y Y Y' O For sure, to see one's loves and friends, For
Y'
"Per- haps," says Dodson, "so it
might, But latterly I've lost my sight."
Rather slow. Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
Moderate. Y' Y Y'
Each Strives your Sadness to a- muse,
T Y Y T Y Y Y Y Ou hear all the news."
"There's none," cries he; and if there
were, I'm grown so deaf, I could not
hear." With energy. Y' Y' Y' Y' Y' Y' Y' Y'

VERSES SUPPOSED TO BE WRITTEN BY ALEXANDER SELKIRK, DURING HIS SOLITARY ABODE ON THE ISLAND OF JUAN FERNANDEZ.

COWPER.

^{*} These five quavers must be read in the time of four.

centre all round to the sea, I am lord of the where are the charms, That sages have seen in thy face? Better dwell in the midst of a- larms, Than reign in this horrible I must | finish my | journey a- | lone; Never hear the sweet music of speech, start at the sound of my own. The beasts that roam over the plain, My form with indifference see: They are so unac-quainted with man, Their tameness is shocking to me. So- ciety, friendship, and love, Di-

sabbath ap-pear'd. Ye winds that have made me your sport, Con-vey to this de solate shore, Some cordial end dearing report Of a land I shall visit no more. My friends, do they now and then send A wish or a thought after me? tell me I yet have a friend, Though a friend I am never to see. fleet is a glance of the mind! par'd with the speed of its flight, The tempest itself lags be- hind, And the swift wing'd arrows of light. own native land, In a moment I seem to be

there; But, a- las! recol- lection at hand, Soon hurries me back to de- spair. But the sea-fowl is gone to her nest, The beast is laid down in his lair; here is a season of rest, And I to my cabin re- pair. place; And mercy— en- couraging thought! Gives even af- fliction a grace, And reconciles man to his lot.

THE HERMIT.

BEATTIE.

sweets of for- getfulness prove; When nought but the torrent is heard on the hill, And nought but the nightingale's song in the grove: It was thus by the cave of the | Y Y Y | P | Y Y | P | While his | harp | rung sym- phonious, a hermit be- gan; No more with him-self or with nature at war, He thought as a sage, though he felt as a man. 2 Ah! why, all abandon'd to darkness and wo; lone Philo- mela, that languishing fall? For spring shall re- turn, and a lover bestow, And sorrow no longer thy bosom en-

Slow. | O | | Y Y Y | O | T | Y | O | | T | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O | | O and the landscape is lovely no more: mourn; but, ye woodlands, I mourn not for you; For morn is ap. proaching, your charms to re- store, Per- fum'd with fresh fragrance, and glitt'ring with dew. Nor yet for the ravage of winter I mourn; kind nature the embryo blossom will save: Slown. But when shall spring visit the mouldering

Very slow. | O | when shall day dawn on the night of the grave! = 7 Twas thus by the glare of false science be- tray'd, That leads to be- wilder, and dazzles to blind; My thoughts wont to roam, from shade onward to shade, De- struction before me, and sorrow be- hind. pity, great Father of light, then I cried, Thy creature who fain would not wander from thee! | To, | humbled in | dust, | I relinquish my pride: From doubt and from darkness thou only canst free. 2 Rather fast, and with spirit. darkness and doubt are now flying a-

way; No longer I roam in con- jecture forlorn: So breaks on the traveller, faint and astray, The bright and the balmy effulgence of morn. See Truth, Love, and Mercy in triumph de- scending, And nature all glowing in Eden's first bloom! On the | Y Y | Q Y Y Y Y | Cold cheek of | death | smiles and | roses are blending, And beauty im- mortal awakes from the tomb. 3

PROCRASTINATION.

YOUNG.

one day, shall not drivel, and their pride
- Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y ready
praise; At least, their own, their future
selves ap- plauds.
that life, they ne'er will lead! Time,
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
That lodg'd in fate's, to wisdom
they con- sign; The thing they can't but
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Purpose, they post- pone. Tis not in
YY O Y O Y O O O O O O
Y · Y · Y · Y · = Y Q r Q r 2 Q · human wisdom to do more. sss r All
Y Y Y 9
that through YYY 9. When

O Y O Y O Y O Y Selves; Them- selves, when some a- larming
o y o y y y o y shock of fate strikes through their wounded
hearts the sudden dread; Eut their
hearts wounded, like the wounded air,
Soon close; To past the shaft,
no trace is found. Y' Y P As from the wing
o scar the sky re- tains; The parted
wave no furrow from the keel,
So dies in human hearts the thought of
death. 2 9 Y 7 Y 9 Y 9 T Even with the tender tear
which Nature sheds O'er those we love,
we drop it Very slow. Very slow. Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y 4 grave.

SLAVERY.

COWPER.

Spread it then, And let it circulate

Through every vein Of all your empire;

that where Britain's power Is felt,

That where britain's power Is felt,

GOD.

DERZHAVIN.

dark! And thought is lost ere thought can soar so high, Even like past moments | YY | Y | Thou | From primeval nothingness did'st call First chaos, then ex- istence; Lord! on Thee E- ternity had its foun-of light, | of lig beauty Thine. Thy word cre- a ted all. and doth cre- ate; Thy splendour fills all space with rays di- vine. Thou art, and wert, and shalt be!

^{* &}quot;The force of this simile," says Bowring, in his Specimens of the Russian Poets, "can hardly be imagined by those who have never witnessed the sun shining, with unclouded splendour, in a cold of twenty or thirty degrees of Reaumur. A thousand and ten thousand sparkling stars of ice, brighter than the brightest diamond, play on the surface of the frozen snow; and the slightest breeze sets myriads of icy atoms in motion, whose glancing light, and beautiful rainbow hues, dazzle and weary the eye."

rect my under- standing then to Thee;
Con- trol my spirit guide my wandering
O Though but an atom midst im-
Y' Y - V Y' Y' Y' Still I am something,
fashion'd by Thy hand! T P Y hold a
Y Y Y F O Y Y Y O relation windle rank relation re
On the last verge of mortal being stand,
Close to the realms where angels
Y Y Y O T Y Y Y Y Y Have their birth, Just on the boundaries
of the spirit-land! The chain of
Y'Y' Y Y O Y O P O Y
matter's last gra-dation lost; and the
O O O O O O O O O O

PART OF THE EPISCOPAL BURIAL SERVICE.

FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

Rather slow.

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stand at the latter day upon the earth,
and though worms de-stroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.
2 Be- hold, thou hast made my days,
as it were a span long:
age is even as nothing in re- spect of
thee; and verily every man living
| = \forall | \forall \cdot \c
man | walketh in a | vain | shadow, and dis-
quieteth him- self in vain:
up riches and cannot tell who shall
gather them. A thousand years in
thy sight | - | Y' | Y | Y Y Y | seeing |
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brethren, that flesh and blood cannot in-ruption in- herit incor- ruption. Be- hold, I show you a myster y. We shall not all sleep: Y Y Y Y We shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incor- ruptible, and we shall be changed. For this cor- ruptible must put on incor- ruption, and this mortal must put on immor- tality. when this cor- ruptible shall have put on

NEGRO'S COMPLAINT.

COWPER.

Madamata

2 Y' Y' Y' Y' Y Y Forc'd from home and all its pleasures,
Afric's coast I left for- lorn; To in-
crease a stranger's treasures, O'er the
YY YY P 2 Y' YY raging billows born. 2 Men from England
bought and sold me, Paid my price in
paltry gold; But though slave they have en-
roll'd me, Minds are never to be
Sold. 2 Y' Y' Y' Y'
What are England's rights, Fights, ask,
Me from my de- lights to sever,
Y' Y' Y' Q 2 Y' Me to task? Fleecy F 2

Y Y Y Y Y Y
Y Y Q Y
but af- fection Dwells in white and black the
Rather slow. O 2 Y Y Y Y Y Y Same. C Why did all cre- ating nature
Y Y Y Q P Q Sighs
must fan it, r 9 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
Sweat of ours must dress the soil.
Moderate. 2 Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
Lolling at your jo vial boards,
Think how many backs have smarted
For the sweets your cane af- fords.
Y Y ~ Y Y T Y Y Is there
one who reigns on high? 2 Y Y Y Y bid you

Y
Where his WHIRLWINDS answer, To Q 3
By our blood in Afric wasted, Ere our
necks re- ceived the chain; By the
YYY Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Crossing in your
Y
Y ~ Y Y Y O
Rather slow Pro Pro Y Y Y Y Y All, sus- tained by patience,
taught us Only by a broken heart:
Moderate. Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Deem our nation brutes no longer, Total
Till some reason ye shall find Worthier of re-
gard, and stronger Than the colour of our
kind. 2 Y Q Whose sordid

SPEECH OF THE EARL OF CHATHAM, ON THE SUBJECT OF EMPLOYING INDIANS TO FIGHT AGAINST THE AMERI-CANS, Nov. 18, 1777.

Moderate, with energy

THE RELIGIONS READER
tempt? 2 9 Y Y Y T Y Y Y and England
might have stood a- gainst the world;
now, none so poor as to do her reverence!
The people, whom we at first de-
spised as rebels, but whom we now ac-
Y Y Y Y Y . ~ Y Y Y Y Y knowledge as enemies, ~ are a- betted a-
gainst us, Sup-plied with ever y military
O. - Y I. I. Y Y And their am-
Y Y . P Y Y P . P Y Y Y bassadors enter- tain'd by our in-
YYY Y Y = Y YYY Y'Y' veterate enemy; = and ministers do not,
and dare not, inter-pose with dignity
or ef- fect. The desperate state of our
YYY P. YY P. P. 2 army a- broad is in part known.

Y Y Y P O Y Y Y O Y Y Y Y No man more highly es- teems and honours the
English troops - Y OY - Y I do: - Y
know their virtues and their valour;
know they can a- chieve any thing but
Y Y Y Y Y Y T O Y O
~~ ~ You cannot, my O. ~ You
can- not conquer A- merica.
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y To New Y To Ne
We do not know the worst: but we know
that in three cam- paigns we have done
Y'Y' = Y Y'Y' Q' = F FY Y You may
swell every ex- pense, Y Y Y Y

every as- sistance, and ex- tend your
Y'Y' To the shambles of every German
despot: Your at- tempts will be for-
Y'Y' O - Y Y Y Y - O O Y doubly
Y. MY Q. To Y. Y. Y. Q. Y. So, in- deed, from this mercenary aid on
which you re- ly; For it irritates, to an in-
curable re- sentment, The minds of your
' ' ' ' ' Y Y
Y
voting them and their pos- sessions
to the ra- pacity of hireling cruelty. 2
But, my lords, = Y Y Q man,
that in ad- dition to the dis- graces and

Y Y O Y Y Y Y mischiefs of the war, has dared to authorize
and as- sociate to our arms, the tomahawk
and scalping knife of the savage? to
o o o o o o o o o
Y' Y Y Y Y Y P' - wild and in- human in- habitants of the woods?
to delegate to the merciless Indian, the de-
Y' Y Y'Y' P T Y Y P Y fence of dis- puted rights, and to wage the
horrors of his barbarous war a- gainst our
brethren? 2 My lords, ry y these e-
normities cry a- loud for re- dress and
punishment. 2 Y' Y Y O' This
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y T Not
only on the principles of policy and ne-

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house, as men, as Christians,
to pro- test a- gainst such horrible bar-
barity! - God and nature
have put into our hands!" = What i-
deas of God and nature that no ble lord
may enter- \begin{vmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \text{tain} & - & \cdot & \cdot \\ \text{know not}; & - & \cdot \\ \end{vmatrix}
but I know that such de- testable principles
are equally ab- horrent to re- ligion
and hu- manity. 2 | Y | To at-
tribute the sacred sanction of God and nature
to the massacres of the Indian scalping
knife! To the cannibal savage,
torturing and murdering his un- happy
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THE RHYTHMICAL READER.
Y'Y' 2 Y'Y' -
every precept of mo-rality,
YY Y ~ ~ YYY Y Y Y
Y Y \ 2 \ Y \ Y \ Y Y Y
and this more a- bominable a- vowal of them,
de- mand the most de- cisive indig- nation.
2 Y O Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
and this most learned Bench, to vindicate
the re- ligion of their God, to sup- port the
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Y Y P Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
Y
Y Y Y Y Y Y

ermine, to save us from this pol- lution. I call upon the honour of your lordships, to reverence the dignity of your ancestors, To and to main- tain your own. I call upon the spirit and hu- manity of my country, to vindicate the national character. tution. From the tapestry that adorns these walls, the im- mortal ancestor of this noble lord frowns with indig-In vain did he de- fend the liberty, and establish the re- ligion of Britain, a- gainst the

tyranny of Rome, if these worse than
Y'Y' YYY ~ Y' Y Y' Y Popish cruelties and inquisi- torial practices,
are en- dured a- mong us.
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y send forth the merciless In dian, thirsting for
O O O O O O O O O O
your Protestant brethren! To To lay
waste their country, Y Y Y
Y'Y' YY YY Y Y Y And ex- tirpate their race and
name, by the aid and instrumentality of
Q y · · · · Y Y Y 2 Q Y these un- governable savages ! - ~ Spain can
Y Y Q Y Y Y P Y Y no longer boast pre- eminence in bar-
Y - - O' O Y O Y She armed her- self with
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

from this deep and deadly sin. Rather slow. My lords- I am old and weak, and at present un- able to say more; -- but my feelings and indig- nation were too strong to have allowed me to say less. could not have slept this night in my bed, nor even re- posed my head upon my pillow, with- out giving vent to my steadfast ab horrence of such e- normous and preposterous principles. 3

THE CHAMELEON.

MERRICK.

Moderate. 2 | Oft has it | been my | lot to | mark A | proud, con- | ceited, | talking | spark, - | - - With | eyes | | - that | hardly | serv'd at | most | - To | guard their | master - | 'gainst a | post; | - Yet | round the | | world the | blade has | been, | ~ To | see what- | | ever could be | seen: | ~ Re- | turning | ~ from his | | finish'd | tour, - | Grown | tentimes | perter - | than be- | fore; - | - Whatever | word you | chance to | | drop - | - - The | travell'd | fool your | mouth will | | stop: - | - - | "But, - if | my judgment | - you'll al- low- | M've | seen- | mand | sure I | ought to | know"--- So | begs you'd | pay a | | due sub- | mission, - | And acqui- | esce in | his de- | cision. - | - Two | travellers | - of such a | cast, - | - - As | o'er A- | rabia's | wilds they | pass'd - | - And | on their | way, - in | friendly | | chat, - | - Now | talk'd of | this - and | then of | | that, - | - - Dis- | cours'd a- | while - | - mongst | other matter, | Of the cha- | meleon's | form and | | nature. | -- | -- " A | stranger | animal," | | recries | one, re | "Sure | never | lived be- | neath the | sun ! ~ | ~ ~ A | lizard's | body, ~ | lean and | | long, | ~ ~ A | fish's | head ~ a | serpent's | tongue, | | ~ ~ Its | foot with | triple | claw dis- | joined; | And what a | length of | tale be- | hind ! -

| ~How | slow its | pace! ~ | ~ ~And | then its | | hue ~ ~ | ~ Who- | ever | saw so | fine a | blue?" ~ |

Rather fast.

"Hold there," | ~ ¬the | other | quick re- | plies, |

~ ~ "Tis | green— | ~ ~ I | saw it | with these |

eyes, | ~ ~ As | late with | open | mouth it | lay, ~ |

~ ~ And | warm'd it | ~ in the | sunny | ray; ~ |

~ ~ | Stretch'd at its | ease the | beast I view'd, |

~ ~ And | saw it | eat the | air for | food." | ~ "I've |

seen it | friend, | ~ as well as | you ~ | ~ ~ And |

must a- | gain af- | firm it | blue. ~ | ~ ~ At | leisure |

| I the | beast sur- | vey'd, | ~ Ex- | tended | ~ in the | cooling | shade." | ~ "'Tis | green, 'tis | With energy

| "'Twere no | great loss," | ~ the | friend re- | plies, | ~ For | if they | always | serve you | thus | You'll | find them | but of little | use." | Men | words they | almost | came to | blows: | When | luckily | came by a | third | ~ To | him the | question | they re- | ferr'd; | ~ And | begg'd he'd | tell them, | if he | knew, | Whether the | thing was | green or | blue. | ~ ["Come," | cries the | umpire, | ~ ["cease your | pother, | ~ The | creature's | neither | one nor | t'other. | ~ I | Mand | view'd it | o'er by | candle | light: |

| - - I | marked it | well - - | - - 'Twas | black as | | jet- - | ~ ~ | ~ ~ | You | stare - | but I have | | got it - | yet, - | And can pro- | duce it." - | - - | | "Pray then | do: - | - For | I am | sure the | thing is | blue." - | - - "And | I'll en- | gage that | when you've | seen The | reptile, ~ | You'll pro- | nounce him | green." - | ~ | "Well then, | | - at | once to | ease the | doubt," - Re-| plies the | man, w | ~ w" I'll | turn him | out : w | | ~ And | when be- | fore your | eyes I've | set him, | | - - | If you dont | find him | black, - | - - 1'll | | eat him." | ~ ~ | ~ ~ He | said; ~ | ~ then | full be- | fore their | sight Pro- | duc'd the | beast, - | | ~ mand | lo-m | ~ m'twas | white! m | ~ m | | -- | -- | Both | stared : | - - the | man look'd | | wondrous | wise- - | r - " My | children," | - the cha- | meleon | cries, - | - (Then | first the | creature | found a | tongue,) - | - - "You | all are | right, and | all are | wrong; - | - When | next you | talk of | | what you | view, - | - Think | others | see as | well as | you : ~ | ~ Nor | wonder | ~ if you | find that | | none | ~ ~ Pre | fers | your | eye-sight | ~ to his | | own." | ~ ~ | ~ ~ |

THANATOPSIS.

W. C. BRYANT.

Moderate.

3 | -To | him | ~ who, | ~ in the | love of | nature, |

- ~ | holds Com- | munion | ~ with her | visible |

| forms, | -she | speaks A | various | language : |

| - ~ | ~ for his | gayer | hours ~ | She has a | voice of | gladness, | ~ and a | smile And | eloquence of | beauty; ~ | - ~ | ~ and she | glides | Into his | darker | musings, | ~ with a | mild And | gentle | sympathy, | - that | steals a- | way Their | sharpness, | - ~ | ere | he is a- | ware. | - ~ | - ~ |

Rather slow.

| - When | thoughts Of the | last | bitter | hour | - | | come like a | blight | Over thy | spirit, | - and | sad | | images | - Of the | stern | agony, | - and | shroud, | | - and | pall, | - And | breathless | darkness, | - and the | narrow | house, | - | Make thee to | shudder, - | | - and grow | sick at | heart, | - Go | forth | under the | open | sky, | - and | list To | nature's | teachings, | - | while from | all a- | round - | - | | Earth | - and her | waters, - | - and the | depths of |

| air,— | = ~ | Comes a | still | voice— | = ~ | Yet a | few | days, | = and | thee The | all be- | holding | | sun | = shall | see no | more | = In | all his | course; | | = nor | yet in the | cold | ground, | = ~ | Where thy | pale | form was | laid, | = with | many | tears, | | = ~ | Nor | in the em- | brace of | ocean | ~ shall ex- | ist | = Thy | image. | = ~ | Earth, | | = that | nourished | thee ~ | = shall | claim Thy | | growth, | ~ to be re- | solved to | earth a- | gain; ~ | | Rather slow.

Rather slow.

| - ~ | And, ~ | lost each | human | trace, | - sur- | rendering | up Thine | indi- | vidual | being, | - ~ | slow.

| shalt thou | go | -To | mix for- | ever | with the |

elements,	- ~	~ To be a	brother	to the in-	
sensible	rock ~	And to the	sluggish	clod	
~ which the	rude	swain	- ~	Turns	with his
share,	- and	treads up-	on. ~	- ~	- The
oak shall	send his	roots a-	broad	- and	pierce
Rather slow.					

thy | mould. | = re | re Yet | not | to thy e- | ternal | | resting | place - | Shalt thou re- | tire a- | lone- | | - | nor | couldst thou | wish - | Couch | more mag- | nificent. | = | Thou shalt lie | down With | | patriarchs | rof the | infant | world- | with | | kings, | = The | powerful | rof the | earth - | = the | | wise, | - the | good, | - | Fair | forms, | - and | | hoary | seers of | ages | past, | = | All | = in | one | | mighty | sepulchre. | == | The | hills | Rock-ribbed | and | ancient | as the | sun, - - | the | | vales | Stretching in | pensive | quietness be- | tween; | -The | venerable | woods- | - | rivers that | | move In | majesty, | = | and the com- | plaining | | brooks That | make the | meadows | green; | = ~ | and, poured round all, or Old ocean's gray and | melancholy | waste, | - | Are but the | | solemn deco- | rations | all | - Of the | great | tomb of | man. The gloden sun, ~ | The planets, | - | all the | infinite | host of | heaven, | | ~ Are | shining | ~ on the | sad a- | bodes of | death, | Through the still lapse of ages. - All that | tread the | globe | are but a | handful | - to the | | tribes | - That | slumber in its | bosom. | - -Take the | wings Of | morning, | and the Barcan | | desert | pierce, ~ | ~ Or | lose thy- | self | in the con- | tinuous | woods | ~ Where | rolls the | Oregon, | — and | hears | no | sound, | — ~ | Save his | own | dashings— | — ~ | Yet ~ | — the | dead are | there ~ | Moderate.

| -And | millions | in those | solitudes, | -since |

| first The | flight of | years be- | gan, - | - have | laid them | down | In their | last | sleep - | - the | | dead | reign | there | -a- | lone. | - - | So shalt | thou | rest- | - and | what if | thou shalt | fall | - Un- | noticed | - by the | living, | | - and | no | friend | ~ Take | note | of thy de- | parture? | - ~ | All that | breathe | - Will | share thy | destiny. ~ | - ~ | - The | gay will | laugh | - When | | thou art | gone, | = the | solemn | brood of | care - | | Plod | on, - | - and | each one, | - as be- | fore, | | - will | chase His | favourite | phantom; | - -| Yet - | all | these | - shall | leave Their | mirth | | and their em- | ployments, | - and shall | come, | | - And | make their | bed with | thee. - | - - | As the | long | train Of | ages | glides a- | way, - | - the | sons of | men, - | = The | youth in | life's | green | spring, | - and | he who | goes | In the | full | | strength of | years, | = | matron, | = and | maid, | -The | bowed with | age, - | - the | infant | - in the | smiles And | beauty of its | innocent | age | | ~cut | off, ~ | = Shall, | one by | one, | = be | gathered | to thy | side, | -By | those | who - | -in | their | Slow.

turn | -shall | follow them. | - - | - So |

| live, | -that | when thy | summons | comes | -to | | join The in- | numerable | caravan, | -that | moves | | ~To the | pale | realms of | shade, | -where | each shall | take His | chamber | ~in the | silent | halls of | | death, | -Thou | go not | ~like the | quarry | slave at | night, | - ~ | scourged | ~to his | dungeon, | | - ~ | ~but sus- | tained | -and | soothed | By an un- | faltering | trust, | - ap- | proach thy | grave, | | - Like | one who | wraps the | drapery of his | couch A- | bout him, | - and | lies | down | - to | pleasant | | dreams. | - ~ | - ~ |

HYMN TO THE DEITY ON A REVIEW OF THE SEASONS.

THOMSON.

Slow.

3 | These, | ~ as they | change, | = ~ | AL- |
MIGHTY	FATHER,	= ~	these	Are but the		
varied	God. ~	= ~	The	rolling	year	— Is
full of	Thee. ~	= ~	Forth in the	pleasing		
Spring	= Thy	beauty	walks,	= Thy	tender-	

mess | - and | love. ~ | - ~ | Wide | flush the | fields; |
- the	softening	air is	balm;	- ~	Echo the	
mountains	round;	- the	forest	smiles;	- And	
every	sense,	- and	every	heart	- is	joy.

| - ~ | - ~ | Then | comes Thy | glory | ~ in the | | Summer | months, | - with | light and | heat re- | | fulgent. | - ~ | Then Thy | sun | shoots | full per- |

Slow.

| fection ~ | through the | swelling | year; ~ | — And | | oft Thy | Voice in | dreadful | thunder ~ | speaks; ~ | | — And | oft at | dawn, ~ | deep | noon, | — or | falling | | eve, | — By | brooks and | groves, | — in | hollow |

Rather slow.

| whispering | gales. | = F | THY | bounty | shines in | Autumn | uncon- | fined, | = And | spreads a | common | feast | - for | all that | live. - | - In | | Winter - | awful | Thou! - | = with | clouds and | | storms A- | round THEE | thrown, | = r | tempest o'er | tempest | rolled, | - Ma- | jestic | darkness! | | - on the | whirlwind's | wing, | Riding sub-| lime, | = Thou | bids't the | world a- | dore: - | | - And | humblest | Nature | with Thy | northern | | blast. | - Mys- | terious | round ! | what | | skill, | what | force di- | vine, | Deep | felt, | min | these ap-|pear! ~ | = a | simple | train, ~ | = Yet | so de- | lightful | mixed, | with | such | kind | art, | - | Such | | beauty | ~ and be- | nificence | - com- | bined; | | Shade, | unper- | ceived, | so | softening | | rinto | shade, | - And | all | so | forming | ran har- | | monious | whole, | = | That as they | still suc- | | ceed, | - they | ravish | still. - | - But | wandering | oft, | = with | brute un- | conscious | gaze, | | = | Man | marks not | Thee, | = | marks not the | mighty | hand, | - That | ever | busy, - | | wheels the | silent | spheres, | - | Works in the | | secret | deep, | = | shoots, | steaming, | thence | -The | fair pro- | fusion | that o'er- | spreads the |

| Spring ; | - - | Flings from the | sun di- | rect the | | flaming | day; ~ | - ~ | Feeds | every | creature; | | - - | hurls the | tempest | forth; | - - | And, as on | | carth this | grateful | change re- | volves, | - With | | transport | touches | all the | springs of | life. - | | - - | - - | Nature, | - at- | tend ! | - - | join | every | living | soul, | - Be- | neath the | spacious | temple of the | sky, - | = In | ado- | ration | join, | | = and | ardent | raise | - One | general | song! | | = ~ | = To | Him, | = ye | vocal | gales, | = ~ | | Breathe | soft, | = whose | spirit | rin your | freshness | breathes: | - | 0, | talk of | Him in | solitary | | glooms! | where, | o'er the | rock, - the | | scarcely | waving | pine | = | Fills the | brown | | shade | = | with a re- | ligious | awe. | = | -And | ye, whose | bolder | note is | heard a- | far, ro | - Who | shake the as- | tonished | world, | - | lift | | high to | heaven | The im- | petuous | song, | and | | say | = from | whom you | rage. | = | His | | praise | - ye | brooks, at- | tune, - | - ye | trembling | | rills, | And | let me | catch it | as I | muse a- | long. ~ | - Ye | headlong | torrents, ~ | rapid | and pro- | found; | = Ye | softer | floods, | = that | | lead the | humid | maze A- | long the | vale, | - and | | thou, ma- | jestic | main, | = A | secret | world of | | wonders | win thy- | self, | wow | Sound | His stu- | | pendous | praise, | - whose | greater | voice, | - Or | | bids you | roar, | - or | bids your | roarings | fall. | | - - | - - | Soft | roll your | incense, | - - | | herbs, | - and | fruits, | - and | flowers, | - In | | mingled | clouds to | HIM, | - whose | sun ex- | alts, | | - Whose | breath per- | fumes you, | - | and whose | pencil paints. | | | Ye | forests | | bend; | = Ye | harvests, | wave to | Him; ~ | = ~ | | Breathe your | still | song | into the | reaper's | heart, | | - As | home he | goes | - be- | neath the | joyous | | moon. | = > | Te that keep | watch in | heaven, | as | earth a- | sleep Un- | conscious | lies, | | = ef- | fuse your | mildest | beams, | = Ye | constel- | | lations, | = | while your | angels | strike, A- | mid the | spangled | sky, | = the | silver | lyre. ~ | = ~ Great | source of | day ! ro | mr | best | | image | here be- | low - | Of thy CRE- | ATOR, - | ever | pouring | wide, | From | world to | | world, | - the | vital | ocean | round, | - On | Nature | write | = with | every | beam | = His | praise. | = re | = Ye | thunders, | roll : | = be | hushed the | prostrate | | world, | - While | cloud to | cloud re- | turns the | solemn | | hymn. r | = r | Bleat out a- | fresh, ye | hills : r | | we | mossy | rocks, Re- | tain the | sound; | we the | | broad re- | sponsive | low, | - Ye | vallies, | raise; | For the | GREAT | SHEPHERD | reigns, | - And | | his un- | suffering | kingdom | yet will | come. ~ | Ye | woodlands | all, | a- | wake | a | | boundless | song | Burst from the | groves; | = and | when the restless | day, Ex- piring, = | lays the | warbling | world a- | sleep, | - | Sweet est of | birds! | - | sweet | Philo- | mela, | - | charm The | listening | shades, | - and | teach the | | night | ~Hrs | praise. | - ~ | Ye | chief, | | - for | whom the | whole cre- | ation - | smiles, | -At | once the | head, | the | heart, | the | | tongue of | all, | = - | Crown the | great | hymn. - | | - - | - In | swarming | cities | vast, | - As- | | sembled | men, | to the | deep | organ | join The | | long re- | sounding | voice, | = | oft | breaking | | clear, | - At | solemn | pauses, | through the | | swelling | base; r | = r | And as each | mingling | flame in- | creases | each, | = In | one u- | nited | | ardour | rise to | heaven. | = | Or, | rif you | rather | choose the | rural | shade, | - And | | find a | fane in | every | sacred | grove, | = -There let the | shepherd's | flute, | - the | virgin's | | lay, | = The | prompting | seraph, | and the | poet's | | lyre, ~ | Still | sing the | God of | Seasons | ~as they | roll. | For | me, | when I forget the | darling | theme, | = ro | Whether the | | blossom | blows, | = the | summer | ray | Russets the | | plain, | min- | spiring | autumn | gleams, | mOr | | winter | rises | = in the | black'ning | east, | = ~ | | Be my | tongue | mute, | my | fancy | paint no | more, ~ | - And, | dead to | joy, | - for- | get my | | heart to | beat! | - | - Should | fate com- | mand me | to the | furthest | verge Of the | green | earth, | - to | distant | barbarous | climes, | - - | Rivers un- | known to | song; | - where | first the | | sun | Gilds | Indian | mountains, | or his | setting | | beam | Flames | on the At- | lantic | isles; | -'tis | | nought to | me, - | - Since | God is | ever | present, | - | ever | felt | ~ In the | void | waste | as in the |

city | full; ~ | - And | where | HE | vital | breathes | | - - | there | must be | joy. | - - | - - | When | even at | last the | solemn | hour shall | come, | - And | wing my | mystic | flight to | future | worlds, | -I | cheerful | will o- | bey; | - | there, - with | new | powers, | - Will | rising | wonders | | sing : ~ | = I | cannot | go ~ | Where | Uni- | VERSAL | | Love | smiles | not a- | round, | - Sus- | taining | | all you | orbs, | - and | all their | suns; | - From | | seeming | Evil | = | still e- | ducing | Good, | -And | better | thence a- | gain, - | - and | better | still, - | - In | infinite pro- | gression. | - -But I | lose my- | self in | HIM, | = in | LIGHT | Slown. | rin- | effable ! r | r | Come | then, | rex-| pressive | Silence, | - - | muse | - His | praise. |

THE ROSE.

COWPER.

Moderate.

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3| The |rose had been | wash'd, ~| just | wash'd in a | | shower, ~| = Which | Mary to | Anna con- | vey'd; ~| | = The | plentiful | moisture en- | cumber'd the | | flower, ~| = And | weighed | down its | beautiful | | head. ~| = The | cup was all | filled | ~ and the | | leaves were all | wet, ~| = And it | seemed to a | fanciful | view ~| = To | weep for the | buds it had | | left with re- | gret, ~| ~On the | flourishing | 1.

where it | grew. ~ | -I | hastily | seiz'd it | -un- | | fit as it | was ~ | ~ For a | nosegay, | -so | dripping and | drown'd; | -And | swinging it | rudely, ~ | | ~ too | rudely, a- | las! ~ | -I | snapped it — | -it | | fell to the | ground. | - ~ | -And | such, I ex- | claim'd, | ~ is the | pitiless | part ~ | Some | act by the | | delicate | mind; | -Re- | gardless of | wringing and | | breaking a | heart, ~ | ~Al- | ready to | sorrow re- | | signed. | - ~ | - This | elegant | rose, | ~ had I | | shaken it | less, ~ | ~ Might have | bloom'd with its | owner a- | while: | ~ And the | tear that is | wip'd with a | little ad- | dress, ~ | ~ May be | follow'd, | - per- | haps, ~ | ~ by a | smile. | - ~ | - ~ |

THE MILLENNIUM.

COWPER.

Moderate.

3 | Sweet is the | harp of | prophecy; ~ | ~ ~ | too sweet | Not to be | wrong'd | by a mere | mortal | touch; ~ | | ~ ~ | Nor can the | wonders it re- | cords | - be | sung To | meaner | music, | ~ and not | suffer ~ | loss. ~ | ~ ~ | | - But | when a | poet, ~ | ~ or when | one like | me, ~ | Happy to | rove a- | mong po- | etic | flowers, | - Though | poor in | skill to | rear them, | ~ ~ | lights at | last | - On | some | fair | theme, | - some | theme di- | vinely | fair, | - ~ | Such is the | impulse | | ~ and the | spur he | feels | - To | give it | praise | - pro- | portion'd | ~ to its | worth, | - That | not to at- | tempt it, | - ~ | arduous | ~ as he | deems the |

| labour, ~ | ~ were a | task | more | arduous | still. - ~ | Rather slow, | - - | - - | 0 | scenes sur- | passing | fable - | | - and | yet | true, - - | - | Scenes of ac- | complish'd | bliss ! | which | who can | see, | | Though but in | distant | prospect, | - and not | feel His | soul re- | fresh'd | with | foretaste | of the | | joy ? | - - | Rivers of | gladness | water | all the | | earth, ~ | = And | clothe all | climes with | beauty; - | the re- | proach Of | barrenness is | past. - | -The | fruitful | field | Laughs with a- | bundance; - | | and the | land, | once | lean, | or | fertile | | only ~ | ~ in its | own dis- | grace, ~ | - Ex- | ults to | see its | thirstly | curse re- | peal'd. | - | - | The | | various | seasons | woven into | one, ~ | - And | that one | season | - an e- | ternal | spring, | - The | garden | fears no | blight, ~ | = and | needs no | fence, ~ | For there is none to covet, | | all | = are | full. | == The | lion, == | = and the | | libbard, | - and the | bear, - | - | Graze with the | fearless | flocks; | = | all | bask at | noon To- | gether, - | - or | all | gambol in the | shade | - Of the | same | grove, | = and | drink one | common | | stream. | = ~ | = An- | tipathies | = are | none. ~ |

| now: ~ | — the | mother | sees, | — And | smiles to | | see, ~ | — her | infant's | playful | hand | Stretch'd | | forth to | dally ~ | ~ with the | crested | worm, | — To | | streke his | crested | crested

- No foe to man Lurks in the serpent

The | lambent | homage | of his | arrowy | tongue. |

| - - | All | creatures | worship | man, - | - and | | all man- | kind | - - | One | Lord, | - - | one | | Father. | = ~ | Error ~ | has no | place; ~ | That | creeping | pestilence | = is | driven a- | | way ; ~ | - The | breath of | heaven has | chased it. | | - No | passion | touches a dis- | cordant | string ; | - But | all is | harmony | | = and | love. | = Dis- | ease | = Is | not : | = the | pure and | uncon- | taminate | blood - | Holds its | | due | course, | = nor | fears the | frost of | age. | = ~ | One | song em- | ploys | all | nations; | = and | | all | cry, - | "Worthy the | Lamb, | - for | he was | | slain for | us!" | = | The | dwellers in the | | vales | and on the | rocks | = | Shout to each | other, ~ | ~ and the | mountain | tops ~ | = From | | distant | mountains | catch the | flying | joy; | = ~ | | Till, - | nation | after | nation | taught the | strain, | Earth | rolls the | rapturous Ho- | sanna - | | round. | - P | - Be- | hold the | measure of the | | promise | fill'd! | = ~ | ~ See | Salem | built, | = the | | labour | rof a | God! | role | Bright as a | | sun -the | sacred | city | shines ; | - All | kingdoms | | and all | princes of the | earth - | Flock to that | | light: - | - the | glory of | all | lands | - Flows | | into her; | =un- | bounded | wis her | joy, | = And | | endless | wher in- | crease. - | - Thy | rams are | | there, Ne- | bajoth, - | - and the | flocks of | Kedar* - |

^{*} Nebajoth and Kedar, the sons of Ishmael, and progenitors of the Arabs, in the prophetic scripture here alluded to, may be reasonably considered as representatives of the Gentiles at large.

| there; ~ | The | looms of | Ormus, | ~and the | mines of | Ind, ~ | And | Saba's | spicy | groves, | — pay | tribute | there. ~ | ~ | Praise | is in | all her | gates: ~ | — up- | on her | walls, | And | in her | streets, | — and | in her | spacious | courts, | — Is | heard | — sal· | vation. ~ | — ~ | Eastern | Java | there ~ | Kneels | ~with the | native | ~of the | farthest | west; ~ | — And | Æthi- | opia | spreads a- | broad the | hand, | — And | worships. | — ~ | ~Herre- | port has | travell'd | forth ~ | ~Into | all | lands. | — From | every | clime they | come To | see thy | beauty, ~ | ~and to | share thy | joy, | O | Sion ! ~ | ~an as- | sembly | ~such as | earth | ~Saw | never, ~ | ~such as | heaven | stoops | down | — to | sec. ~ | — ~ | — ~ |

APOSTROPHE TO LIGHT.

MILTON.

| - - | - Be- | fore the | sun, - | - Be- | fore the | | heavens | thou | wert, ro | and at the | voice Of | | God, ~ | as with a | mantle, ~ | ~ didstin- | vest The | | rising | world of | waters | - | dark | - and | | deep, ~ | - ~ | Won from the | void | - and | formless | infinite. | = | Thee I re- | visit | | now | with | bolder | wing, | Es- | caped the | | Stygian | pool, re | = though | long de- | tained In | | thatob- | scure so- | journ | = | while | in my | | flight ~ | - Through | utter ~ | ~ and through | middle | darkness | borne, | - With | other | notes - | than to the Or- | phean | lyre ~ | -I | sung of | | chaos | rand e- | ternal | night. r | = r | Taught by the | heavenly | muse | = to | venture | down | - The | | dark de- | scent, | and | up to | re-as- | cend, | | Though | hard | and | rare : | | | thee I re- | visit - | safe, - | - And | feel thy | sovereign | | vital | lamp; re | = re | = but | thour | = Re- | visit'st | not | these | eyes, | = that | roll in | vain | To | | find thy | piercing | ray, ~ | - and | find | no | | dawn; | = | So | thick a | drop se- | rene | | - hath | quenched their | orbs | - | Or | dim suf- | fusion | veiled. ro | = ro | Yet - not the | | more | Cease I to | wander | where the | Muses | | haunt, ~ | Clear | spring, | = or | shady | grove, ~ | -or | sunny | hill, - | - | Smit with the | love of | | sacred | song ; | - but | chief - | Thee, - | | Sion, - | - and the | flow'ry | brooks be- | neath, | -That [wash thy | hallowed | feet, and | warbling | | flow, - | - - | Nightly | - I | visit; - | - - | - nor |

| sometimes | = for- | get ~ | Those | other | two ~ | | equalled with | me in | fate, | | So were | I | | equalled with | them in re- | nown, re | = re | Blind | Thamyris | - and | blind Mæ- | onides, | - And Ty- | | resias and | Phineas, | = | prophets | old : | - Then - | feed on | thoughts - | that | voluntary | move Har- | monious | numbers; ~ | ~ as the | wakeful | bird - | Sings | darkling, | - and in | | shadiest | covert | hid - | Tunes her noc- | turnal | notes. ~ | - ~ | Thus with the | year ~ | Seasons re- | turn, - | but | not to | me re- | turns | Day, ~ | ~ or the | sweet ap- | proach of | even | or | morn, | or | sight of | vernal | bloom, r | wor | summer's | rose, r | wor | | flocks, ~ | = or | herds, ~ | = or | human | face di- | vine; | - But | cloud in- | stead, - | - and | ever- | during | dark - | - Sur- | rounds me, | - | refrom the | cheerful | ways of | men re | Cut re | off, re | and for the | book of | knowledge | fair | Pre- | sented | with a | uni- | versal | blank Of | | Nature's | works | to | me | ex- | punged | -and | rased | -and | wisdom | -at | one | entrance, | = ~ | quite shut | out. ~ | = ~ | So much the | rather | thou, | = ce- | lestial | Light, ~ | | Shine | inward | - | - and the | mind | - through | all her | powers | = Ir- | radiate; | = | there | | plant | eyes, | = | all | mist from | thence | | Purge | and dis- | perse, | = | that I may | see - | - and | tell - | - Of | things in- | visible | -to mortal sight.

HAPPY FREEDOM OF THE MAN WHOM GRACE MAKES FREE.

COWPER.

Moderate. 3 | He is the | freeman, - | whom the | truth makes | | free, ~ | - And | all are | slaves be- | side. ~ | - ~ | There's not a | chain, | - That | hellish | foes, | | - con- | federate | for his | harm, | - Can | wind a- | | round him, | but he | casts it | off - | With as | | much | ease | = as | Samson | his green | withes. ~ | - He | looks a- | broad | into the | varied | field Of | | nature, | and though | poor, per- | haps, com- | | pared With | those whose | mansions | glitter in his | sight, - | Calls the de- | lightful | scenery - | all his | own. | - | His are the | mountains, | and the | | valleys | his, > | And the re- | splendant | rivers : | | - - | his to en- | joy - | With a pro- | priety that | | none can | feel, | But | who, with | filial | confidence in- | spired, | = Can | lift to | heaven - an | unpre- | sumptuous | eye, | - And | smiling | say- - | | - 'My | Father | made them | all !' | - | Are they not | his - | by a pe- | culiar | right, - | And by an | emphasis of | interest | his, | - Whose | eye they | fill with | tears of | holy | joy, | - Whose | heart with | praise, | - and | whose ex- | alted | mind | - With | | worthy | thoughts of | that un- | wearied | love, | | - That | plann'd | - and | built, | - and | still up- |

| holds a | world | So | clothed with | beauty | refor re- | bellious | man? | - - | Yes - - | - ye may | fill your | garners, | - | ye that | reap The | | loaded | soil, - | - | and ye may | waste much | good In senseless | riot; - | but ye | will not | | find In | feast, ~ | or in the | chase, ~ | = in | song | | or | dance, | A | liberty like | his, | who, | | unim- | peached Of | usur- | pation, re | reand to | | no man's | wrong, | - Ap- | propriates | nature | | as his | Father's | work, | And has a | richer | use of | yours | = than | you. - | = - | He is in- | | deed a | freeman. | = ~ | Free by | birth ~ Of | no mean | city; ~ | m ~ | plann'd or | ere the | hills Were | built, | - the | fountains | opened, | - or the | | sea | - With | all his | roaring | multitude of | waves. | His | freedom | is the | same in | every | | state; | - And | no con- | dition of this | changeful | life, So | manifold in | cares, | Whose | every | | day | Brings its | own evil | with it, | makes it | | less; ~ | - ~ | For he has | wings | - that | neither | | sickness, | pain, Nor | | penury, | ~ Can | cripple or con- | fine. | - No | nook so | narrow | but he | spreads them | there With | ease, - | and is at | | large. | = - | The op- | pression | holds His | | body | bound, | - but | know not | - what a | range His | spirit | takes, | -un- | conscious of a | chain; | | - | And that to | bind | him - | - is a | vain at-Rather slow. Slown. tempt, ~ | ~ Whom | God de- | lights in | - ~ | ~ and

in | whom he | dwells. | = - | - - |

PROVIDENCE VINDICATED IN THE PRESENT STATE OF MAN.

POPE.

Moderate.

3 | Heaven | from all | creatures | hides the | book of | fate, | - ~ | All but the | page pre- | scribed, | ~ their | present | state; | - ~ | - From | brutes | ~ what | men, | - from | men | ~ what | spirits | know; | ~ Or | who could | suffer ~ | being | here be- | low? | - ~ | - The | lamb thy | riot | dooms to | bleed to- | day, | - ~ | Had he thy | reason, | ~ would he | skip and | play? | - ~ | Pleased to the | last, | - he | crops the | flowery | food, | - And | licks the | hand | slow. | just | raised to | shed his | blood. | - ~ | O | blind-

just	raised to	shed his	blood.	- ~	O	blindness	~ to the	future !	- ~	kindly	given, ~
That	each may	fill the	circle ~	mark'd by							
Heaven;	- Who	sees with	equal	eye,	- as						
God of	all,	- A	hero	perish,	~ or a	sparrow					
fall;	- ~	Atoms	- or	systems	~ into	ruin					
hurl'd,	- And	now ~ a	bubble	burst,	- and						

now	-a	world.	- ~	- ~	Hope	humbly	
then; ~	- with	trembling	pinions	soar;	- ~		
Wait the	great	teacher ~	Death; ~	- and			
God	-a-	dore.	- ~	- ~	What	future	bliss
-he	gives not	thee to	know,	- But	gives that		
hope ~ to	be thy	blessing	now. ~	- ~	Hope		

| springs e- | ternal | - in the | human | breast : | - - | | Man | never | is, | = but | always | TO BE | blest. | - The | soul, | - un- | easy, | and con-| fin'd from | home, | = ~ | Rests | ~ and ex- | patiates | | win a | life to | come. | = v | = v | Lo, v | w the poor | Indian! | whose un- | tutor'd | mind | Sees | | God in | clouds, | - or | hears him | - in the | wind; | | = | His | soul | proud | science | never | taught to | | stray | Far as the | Solar | Walk | = or | Milky | | Way ; ~ | - Yet | simple | nature | ~ to his | hope has | given, ~ | - Be- | hind the | cloud-top't | hill, | | -a | humbler | heaven; | -Some | safer | world | | - in | depths of | woods em- | braced, | - Some | happier | island | in the | watery | waste; | w Where | | slaves | wonce | more | wtheir | native | land be-| hold, | = No | fiends (= tor- | ment | = no | christians | - thirst for | gold. | - To | BE, | | = con- | tents his | natural de- | sire; ~ | = He | | asks no | angel's | wing, | = no | seraph's | fire : ~ | Rather fast.

But | thinks, ~ | -ad- | mitted | to that | equal |

sky,	= His	faithful	dog	= shall	bear him						
company.	=	=	Go,	wiser	thou!						
= and	in thy	scale of	sense,	=	Weigh thy o-						
pinion	a-	gainst	Providence;	=	Call	imper-	fection	what thou	fanciest	such;	=
Say	here he	gives too	little, =	=	there						
= too	much.	=	=	=	In	pride,					
= in	reasoning	pride,	= our	error	lies;	=					
All	quit their	sphere,	= and	rush	into the						

| skies. | - ~ | - ~ | Pride | still is | aiming | ~ at the | | blest a- | bodes; | - ~ | Men | ~ would be | angels, | | - ~ | angels | ~ would be | gods. | - ~ | - As- | piring | ~ to be | gods, | - if | angels | fell, | - As- | piring | | ~ to be | angels, | - ~ | men | - re- | bel : | - And | | who but | wishes ~ | ~ to in- | vert the | laws | - Of | Slow.

ORDER, | = > | Sins | = a - | gainst the E - | TERNAL | | CAUSE. | = > | = > | = > |

THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH SHOW THE GLORY AND WISDOM OF THEIR CREATOR.—THE EARTH HAPPILY ADAPTED TO THE NATURE OF MAN.

GOLDSMITH.

Moderate.

3 | = The | universe | may be con- | sidered | ~as the |
| palace in | which the | Deity re- | sides; ~ | ~and
the | earth, | ~as | one of its a- | partments. | ~ ~ |
| = In | this, ~ | all the | meaner | races of | animated |
| nature | = me- | chanically o- | bey him; | ~and
stand | ready to | execute | ~his com- | mands, |
= With-	out hesi-	tation. ~	= ~	Man a-	lone
-is	found re-	fractory; ~	= ~	he is the	only
being	= en-	dued with a	power ~	~of contra-	
dicting these	mandates.	= ~	= The	Deity was	
pleased to ex-	ert su-	perior	power ~	~in cre-	
ating	him a su-	perior	being;	= a	being en-
dued with a	choice of	good and	evil; ~	= and	
capable,	~in some	measure,	~of co-	operating	

with his own in-tentions. - | - | Man, | | therefore, | may be con- | sidered | - as a | limited | | creature, | -en- | dued with | powers - | imitative of | those re- | siding in the | Deity. re | = re | re He is | | thrown into a | world | - that | stands in | need of his | | help; | - | and he has been | granted a | power - | of pro- | ducing | harmony, | - from | partial con- | | fusion. - | - - | If, | therefore, | - we con-| sider the | earth as al- | lotted | for our habi- | tation, - | | we shall | find | = that | much has been | given us to en- | joy, ~ | = and | much to a- | mend; ~ | = ~ | that we have | ample | reasons | - for our | gratitude, | and many for our industry. | those great | outlines of | nature, | - to which | art cannot | reach | - and | where our | greatest | efforts - | | must have | been inef- | fectual, | - | God him- | | self has | finished | every thing | with a- | mazing | | grandeur | = and | beauty. ~ | = ~ | Our be- | neficent | Father | has con- | sidered | these | parts of | | nature | ras pe- | culiarly his | own; r | ras | | parts | which no | creature | could have | skill | = or | strength | to a- | mend; | - | and he has, | therefore, | made them in- | capable of alter- | ation, - | or of more | perfect regu- | larity. - | - The | | heavens | - and the | firmament | - | show the | | wisdom | and the | glory | of the | Workman. | - As- tronomers, who are best skill'd in the | symmetry of | systems, | = can | find | nothing | there - | that they can | alter for the | better. - | - God | made | these | perfect, | be- | cause |

| no sub- | ordinate | being | ~ could cor- | rect their de- | fects. ~ | = ~ | When, | therefore, | ~ we sur- | vey | nature | ~on | this side, | - ~ | nothing can | be more | splendid, | - | more cor- | rect, | | or a- | mazing. | - We | there be- | hold a | | Deity | = re- | siding in the | midst of a | universe, | | infinitely ex- | tended | every | way, - | animating | | all, | = and | cheering the va- | cuity | ~ with his | | presence. | == | We be- | hold an im- | mense and | | shapeless | mass of | matter, ro | formed into | worlds | | by his | power, be | and dis- | persed at | intervals, | to which | even | the imagin- | ation - | cannot | travel. ~ | = ~ | In this great | theatre of his | glery, | = a | thousand | suns, | like our | own, | animate | retheir re- | spective | systems, | | = ap- | pearing | = and | vanishing | - at Di- | vine com- | mand. | = | = | We be- | hold our | own | | bright | luminary, | = | fixed in the | centre of its | | system. | - | wheeling its | planets in | times pro- | portioned to their | distances, | and at | once dis- | pensing | light, | heat, and | action. - | - The | | earth | also is | seen | with its | twofold | motion ; - | -pro- ducing, | by the one, | the change of | | seasons; | = | and, by the other, | = the | grateful vi- | cissitudes of | day and | night. | - - | With what | | silent mag- | nificence | = is | all | this per- | formed ! | | - | with what | seeming | ease ! | - The | | works of | art are ex- | erted - | with inter- | | rupted | force; | - and their | noisy | progress | - dis- | | covers the ob- | structions | - they re- | ceive; - |

- but the earth, with a silent, steady ro- | tation, ~ | = suc- | cessively pre- | sents | every | part of its | bosom to the | sun; re | = at | once im-| bibing | nourishment and | light - | - from that | parent of vege- | tation - | - and fer- | tility. - | - -But not | only pro- | visions of | heat and | light are | thus sup- | plied; - | - the | whole | surface of the | | earth | = is | covered with a | transparent | atmosphere, | -that | turns with its | motion, - | - and | guards it from | external | injury. ~ | = The | rays of the | sun ~ | | rare thus | broken r | into a | genial | warmth; | - and | while the | surface is as- | sisted ~ | - a gentle | | heat is pro- | duced in the | bowels of the | earth, ~ | which con- | tributes to | cover it with | verdure. | | - ~ | Waters | also ~ | ~ are sup- | plied in | healthful a- | bundance, | to sup- | port | life, | and as- | | sist vege- | tation. ~ | - ~ | Mountains | rise, | ~ to di- | versify the | prospect, | and give a | current to the | stream. | - | Seas ex- | tend from | one continent | to the other, ~ | = re- | plenished with | animals, ~ | | that may be | turned to | human sup- | port; ~ | = and | | also | serving to en- | rich the | earth | with a suf- | | ficiency of | vapour. ~ | = ~ | Breezes | fly along the | | surface of the | fields, - | to promote | health and vege- | tation. - | - The | coolness of the | evening | - in- | vites to | rest; - | and the | freshness of the | | morning | = re- | news for | labour. - | = - | | Such - | are the de- | lights | - of the habi- | tation - | | that has been as- | signed to | man: ~ | - ~ | without any one of these, -he must have

been | wretched; | - and | none of | these - | could his | own | industry | ~have sup- | plied. ~ | - ~ | - But | | while, | on the one | hand, | many of his | wants | are thus | kindly | furnished, | = there | are, ~ | on the other, | numberless | incon-veniences | | to ex- | cite his | industry. | - | This habi- | | tation, ~ | ~ though pro- | vided with | all the con- | | veniences of | air, | pasturage, | = and | water, | is but a | desert | place | without | human cul- | | tivation. ~ | - The | lowest | animal ~ | ~ finds | more con- | veniences | - in the | wilds of | nature, | -than | he who | boasts him- | self their | lord. | - The | whirlwind, | the | inun- | dation, | and all the as- perities of the air, ~ rare pe- | culiarly | terrible to | man, | = who | | knows their | consequences, | = | and, at a | distance, | - | dreads | - their ap- | proach. | - The | | earth it- | self | - where | human | art | has not per- | | vaded, - | puts on a | frightful, | gloomy ap- | pearance. | - The | forests are | dark and | tangled; | The | meadows | rare over- | grown with | rank | | weeds : | ~and the | brooks | stray ~with | out a de- | termined | channel. - | - | Nature, - | that has been | kind to | every | lower - | order of | beings, | seems to have been neg- lectful ~ | ~ with re- gard to him: - | - to the | savage | uncon- | triving | man, | - the | earth | is an a- | bode | of deso- lation, - | - | where his | shelter is | | insuf- | ficient, | ~ and his | food | ~ pre- | carious. ~ | | - ~ | - A | world | ~ thus | furnished with ad- |

| vantages on | one side, | - and | incon- | veniences | on the other, ~ | ~ is the | proper a- | bode of | | reason. | - and the | fittest to | exercise the | industry | | rof a | free | rand a | thinking | creature. | - r These | evils, | - which | art can | remedy, --and | prescience | guard a- | gainst, | -are a | | proper | call - | for the ex-| ertion of his | faculties ; | - and they | tend | still more | - to as | similate him | to his Cre- ator. ~ | = ~ | God be- | holds, with | | pleasure, | - that | being | which he has | made, | | -con- | verting the | wretchedness of his | natural situ- | ation - | into a | theatre of | triumph; | - - | | bringing | all the | headlong | tribes of | nature - [| into sub- | jection | to his | will; ~ | ~ and pro- | | ducing that | order and uni- | formity upon | earth, | | = of | which = his | own | heavenly | fabric | = is so | | bright | - an ex- | ample. - | - - |

REFLECTIONS ON A FUTURE STATE, FROM A REVIEW OF WINTER.

THOMSON.

Rather slow.

3 | -'Tis | done! ~ | ~ dread | winter | spreads his | latest | glooms, | - And | reigns tre- | mendous | | ~ o'er the | conquer'd | year. ~ | - ~ | ~ How | dead the | vegetable | kingdom | lies! ~ | ~ How | dumb the | | tuneful! | - ~ | Horror | wide ex- | tends | - His | | desolate do- | main. | - ~ | - Be- | hold, | ~ fond | | man! ~ | - See | here | - thy | pictur'd | life: ~ | | ~ pass | some few | years, | - Thy | flowering | spring, | K

Rather fast, with animation.

happiness on	high. ~	= And	see ! ~	= 'Tis	
come, ~	= the	glorious	morn!	= The	second
birth Of	heaven and	earth! ~	= a-	wakening	
nature ~	hears The	new cre-	ating	word; ~	
= and	starts to	life, ~	= In	every	heighten'd
form,	= from	pain and	death ~	= For	ever
free. ~	= The	great e-	ternal	scheme,	= In-
volving	all, ~	and in a	perfect	whole	= U-
niting	~ as the	prospect	wider	spreads,	= To
reason's	eye re-	fin'd	~ clears	up a-	pace. ~

Moderate.

| - \(- \text{Ye} \) vainly | wise ! \(- \text{ | - Ye} \) blind pre- |
| sumptuous ! | - \(- \text{ | now, | - Con- | founded | \(- \text{ in the | dust, } \(- \text{ | - a- | dore that | Power And | Wisdom, } \(- \text{ | oft ar- | raign'd : | - \(- \text{ | - see | now the | cause | - Why | unas- | suming | worth | - in | secret | liv'd, | |
| And | died neg- | lected; | - \(- \text{ | why the | good | good | } \)

man's | share In | life - | - was | gall, and | bitterness of | soul : | - - | Why the | lone | widow - | | - and her | orphans - | pin'd in | starving | solitude; | -while | luxury | - In | palaces | lay > | straining her | low | thought, | - To | form un- | real | wants : - | | - why | heaven-born | truth, | - And | moder- | ation | | fair, | = ~ | wore the | red | marks | ~ Of super- | | stition's | scourge : | - ~ | - Why | licens'd | pain, | | - That | cruel | spoiler, | - that em- | bosom'd | foe, | | -Im- | bitter'd | all our | bliss. ~ | - ~ | ~ Ye | | good dis- | tress'd ! | - Ye | noble | few ! - | - who | | here un- | bending | stand | - Be- | neath | life's | pressure, | - - | yet bear | up a- | while, | - And | | what your | bounded | view | - which | only | saw A | | little | part, | = | deemed | evil, | | is no | more : | | - - | - The | storms of | wintry | time | - will | | quickly | pass, ~ | - And | one un- | bounded | spring | | -en- | circle | all. | - - | - - |

NOTHING FORMED IN VAIN.

THOMSON.

Moderate.

3 | Let | no pre- | suming | impious | railer | tax Cre | ative | wisdom, | as if | aught was | form'd In | vain, | or | not for | admirable | ends. | or | - | Shall | little, | haughty | ignorance | or | nounce | His | works un- | wise, | of | which the | smallest | part | Ex- | ceeds the | narrow | vision of her | mind? | or | or | As | if, | upon a |

| full-pro- | portion'd | dome, | - On | swelling | | columns | heav'd the | pride of | art, ~ | - A | critic- | | flv. ~ | - whose | feeble | ray ~ | scarce | spreads An | linch a- | round, | = with | blind pre- | sumption | | bold. | - Should | dare to | tax - the | structure of the | | whole. | - ~ | - And | lives the | man, | - whose | | uni- | versal | eye | - Has | swept at | once | - the un- | bounded | scheme of | things; | = - | Mark'd their de- | pendence | so, -and | firm ac- | cord, - | | As with un- | faltering | accent | to con- | clude, | -That | this a- | vaileth | nought? | - - | - Has | any | seen The | mighty | chain of | beings, | - - | | less'ning | down From | infinite per- | fection, - | to the | brink Of | dreary | nothing, | - | desolate a- | byss! - | - From | which as- | tonish'd | thought, | = re- | coiling, | = | turns? | = | Rather slow

| - ~ | Till then | -a- | lone | -let | zealous | praise

as- | cend, | - And | hymns of | holy | wonder | - to | that | POWER, ~ | ~ Whose | wisdom | shines | - as | lovely | ~ in our | minds, | - As | on our | smiling | eyes | - his | servant | sun. ~ | - ~ | - ~ | ~ ~ |

ON PRIDE.

POPE.

Moderate.

3 | = Of | all the | causes, | ~ which con- | spire to | | blind | Man's | erring | judgment, | ~ and mis- | | guide the | mind, | ~ ~ | ~ What the | weak | head |

- with | strongest | bias | rules, | - Is | pride: | - the | | never-| failing | vice of | fools. | - - | - What-| ever | | nature | - has in | worth de- | ny'd, | - She | gives in | | large re- | cruits of | needful | pride! | = > | For, > | | as in | bodies, | = | thus in | souls, | = we | find | | What | wants in | blood and | spirits, ~ | swell'd with | | wind. | = - | - | Pride, | = where | wit | fails, | = steps | in to | our de- | fence, | = And | fills up | | all the | mighty | void of | sense. | = ~ | = If | once ~ | | right | reason | drives that | cloud a- | way, - | Truth | breaks up- | on us | with re- | sistless | | day. ~ | ~ ~ | Trust | not your- | self; ~ | ~ ~ | | but, - | your de- | fects to | know, | - Make | use of | every | friend, | - and | every | foe. | - A | | little | learning | ris a | dangerous | thing; | = r | Drink | deep, | or | taste not | the Pi- | erian | | spring : | = ~ | There ~ | shallow | draughts | -in- | | toxi- | cate the | brain, | - And | drinking | largely | | = r | sobers | us a- | gain. r | = r | Fir'd r | wat first | sight | with | what the | muse im- | parts, | | - In | fearless | youth, | ~ we | tempt the | heights of | | arts; | = ~ | While, | ~ from the | bounded | level of our | mind, | - - | Short | views we | take, - | - nor | | see the | lengths be- | hind; | - But | more ad- | | vanc'd, | = be- | hold, | = with | strange sur- | prise, | | - New | distant | scenes | - of | endless | science | | rise ! | - - | - - | So, - | pleas'd at | first | - the | | towering | Alps we | try, - | - | Mount | o'er the | | vales, | = and | seem to | tread the | sky; ~ | ~ The e- | | ternal | snows | = ap- | pear al- | ready | past, - |

~And the	first	clouds and	mountains	~ ~		
seem the	last? ~	~ ~	But, ~	those at-	tain'd,	
~ we	tremble	~ to sur-	vey ~	~The	growing	
labours	~ of the	lengthen'd	way; ~	~ The in-		
creasing	prospect	tires our	wandering	eyes;		
~ ~	Hills	peep o'er	hills,	~ and	Alps	~ on
Alps	~ a-	rise.	~ ~	~ ~		

THE MORNING IN SUMMER.

THOM SON.

Moderate. 3 | = The | meek-eye'd | morn ap- | pears, | = -| mother of | dews, | = - | = At | first | faint | gleaming | win the | dappled | east; | = Till | far o'er | ether | spreads the | widening | glow; | - | And from be- | fore the | lustre of her | face | ~ White | | break the | clouds a- | way. | - | - With | quicken'd | | step, ~ | ~ Brown | night re- | tires : | = ~ | ~ young | | day | pours | in a- | pace, | And | opens | all the | lawny | prospect | wide. | - - | - The | dripping | | rock, | - the | mountain's | misty | top, ~ | Swell | on the | sight, | = and | brighten | with the | dawn. | | - - | Blue, | - through the | dusk, | - the | smoking | | currents | shine; | = > | And from the | bladed | field | | - the | fearful | hare - | Limps, | awkward : | - - | | while a- | long the | forest- | glade | - The | wild deer | trip, ~ | = and | often | turning | = ~ | gaze At | | early | passenger. | - - | Music a- | wakes | -The | native | voice of | undis- | sembled | joy; | | - And | thick a- | round | - the | woodland | hymns

a- | rise- | - | Rous'd by the | cock, - | - the | soonclad | shepherd | leaves His | mossy | cottage, ~ | | where with | peace he | dwells; | - - | And from the | | crowded | fold, | = in | order, - | drives His | flock to | taste the | verdure | of the | morn. | | = | | - | Falsely lux- | urious, | - | will not | man a- | | wake; | - And, | springing | refrom the | bed of | | sloth, | -en- | joy The | cool, | -the | fragrant, | | - and the | silent | hour, | - To | medi- | tation | | due | - and | sacred | song ? | - - | - For | is there | | aught in | sleep | - can | charm the | wise? | - -| -To | lie in | dead ob- | livion, | - - | losing | half The | fleeting | moments | of too | short a | life; | | - - | Total ex- | tinction | of the en- | lighten'd | | soul! | - Or | else to | feverish | vanity a- | live, | | - ~ | Wilder'd, | - and | tossing | ~ through dis- | | temper'd | dreams? | - - | - - | Who would, in | such a | gloomy | state re- | main | Longer than | | nature | craves; | = when | every | muse | = And | | every | blooming | pleasure | = - | waits with- | out, ~ | To | bless the | wildly | devious | morning | walk ? ~ | = ~ | = ~ |

THE PLEASURE AND BENEFIT OF AN IMPROVED AND WELL-DIRECTED IMAGINATION.

AKENSIDE.

Rather slow.

3 | Oh, | blest of | Heaven! | - | whom | not the | languid | songs Of | luxury, | - the | Siren, |

| - | not the | bribes Of | sordid | wealth, | - nor | | all the | gaudy | spoils | - Of | pageant | Honour, - | | can se- | duce to | leave | Those | ever- | blooming | sweets, | - ~ | which, | ~ from the | store Of | Nature, | - | fair im- | agin- | ation | culls, | | -To | charm | -the en- | liven'd | soul! | - -| - ~ | ~ What | though not | all Of | mortal | offspring | can at- | tain the | heights Of | envy'd | | life, - | - though | only | few pos- | sess Pa | trician | treasures, | ror im- | perial | state; r | - Yet | | Nature's | care, | - to | all her | children | just, | -With | richer | treasures, | - and an | ampler | state, | = En- | dows at | large | = what- | ever | | happy | man | - Will | deign to | use them. | - - | | - - | His the | city's | pomp, | - The | rural | honour's | his: - | - what- | e'er a- | dorns The | princely | dome, | the | column, | and the | arch, | -The | breathing | marble | and the | sculptur'd | | gold, | = Be- | yond the | proud pos- | sessor's | narrow | claim, | = ~ | His | tuneful | breast en- | joys. | - - | - For | him | - the | Spring Dis- | tils her | | dews, | = ~ | and from the | silken | gem ~ | - Its | | lucid | leaves | -un- | folds: | - - | -for | him | - the | hand Of | Autumn | tinges | every | fertile | | branch | - With | blooming | gold, | - and | blushes | | relike the | morn. | = re | Each | passing | | hour | resheds | tribute | refrom her | wings; | | - And | still - | - new | beauties | meet his | lonely | walk, | - And | loves un- | felt at- | tract him. | - Not a | breeze | flies o'er the | meadow; |

not a | cloud im- | bibes The | setting | sun's ef- | | fulgence; | ~ not a | strain | - From | all the | tenants | rof the | warbling | shade | - As- | cends ; | | -but | whence his | bosom | -can par- | take | | Fresh | pleasure | runre- | proved : | = r | = nor | | thence par- | takes | Fresh | pleasure | only; | - | for the at- | tentive | mind | = By | this har- | | monious | action ~ | on her | powers, | - Be- | comes her- | self har- | monious : | = - | wont so | oft In | outward | things | = to | meditate the | charm Of | | sacred | order, ~ | = ~ | soon she | seeks at | home, | | - To | find a | kindred | order; ~ | to ex- | ert With- | in her- | self - | this | elegance of | love, - | This | fair in- | spired de- | light: | - - | - her | | temper'd | powers Re- | fine at | length, - | - and | | every | passion | wears | - A | chaster, | - - | milder, | - - | more at- | tractive | mien. | - - | - But | | if to | ampler | prospects, | = ~ | if to | gaze On | | Nature's | form, | = - | where, - | negligent of | | all These | lesser | graces, | - she as- | sumes the | | port Of | that E- | ternal | Majesty | - that | weigh'd The | world's foun- | dations, | - - | if to | these | | - the | mind ex- | alts her | daring | eye; | - - | | then - | mightier | far | - Will | be the | change, | | - and | nobler. | - - | - Would the | forms of | | servile | cnstom - | cramp her | generous | powers ? | - - Would | sordid | policies, | - the | barbarous | growth Of | Ignorance and | Rapine, | - | bow her | down To | tame pur- | suits, - | - to | indolence and | fear? | = ~ | = ~ | Lo! | ~ she ap- | peals to |

| Nature, | - to the | winds | - And | rolling | waves, | | the | sun's un- | weary'd | course, | The | elements | - and | seasons: | - ~ | - ~ | all de- | clare | For | what the E- | ternal | Maker | -has or- | | dain'd the | powers of | man : | - we | feel with- | in our- | selves | - His | energy | - di- | vine : | - he | | tells the | heart, | -He | meant, | -he | made us | to be- | hold and | love | - What | he be- | holds and | loves, | - the | general | orb Of | life and | being: | | - - | - to be | great | - like | him, | - Be- | neficent | | -and | active. | - - | Thus the | men | -Whom | Nature's | works in- | struct, | - with | | God him | self ~ | Hold | converse; | - ~ | grow fa- | | miliar, - | day by | day, | = With | his con- | ceptions; | | - - | act up- | on his | plan; - | - And | form to | | his, | = the | relish | ~ of their | souls. | = ~ | = ~ | 1--1

LIBERTY AND SLAVERY CONTRASTED. PART OF A LETTER WRITTEN IN ITALY, BY

ADDISON.

Moderate.

3 | How has | kind | Heaven | -a- | dorn'd the | happy | land, | -And | scatter'd | blessings | ~ with a | | wasteful | hand! | - ~ | -But | what a- | vail | | -her | unex- | hausted | stores, | -Her | blooming | mountains, | ~ and her | sunny | shores, | -With | all the | gifts | -that | heaven and | earth im- | part, | | -The | smiles of | nature | ~ and the | charms of |

| art, | - While | proud op- | pression | in her | vallev | reigns, | - And | tyranny | -u- | surps her | | happy | plains ? | - - | - The | poor in- | habitant | | -be- | holds in | vain | - The | reddening | orange, | | rand the | swelling | grain; | r | joyless he | | sees | - the | growing | oils and | wines, | - And | in the | myrtle's | fragrant | shade re- | pines. | = | | - | Oh, | Liberty: | - thou | power su- | premely | | bright, | = Pro- | fuse of | bliss, - | = And | pregnant | with de- | light ! | - Per- | petual | pleasures | | in thy | presence | reign ; | - And | smiling | plenty | | | leads thy | wanton | train. | = - | Eas'd of her | load, | = sub- | jection | grows more | light; | = And | | poverty | ~looks | cheerful | ~in thy | sight. | = ~ | - Thou | mak'st the | gloomy | face of | nature | gay; | |-- - | - Giv'st | beauty | - to the | sun, - | - and | pleasure | to the | day. | - | - On | foreign | | mountains, | may the | sun re- | fine | - The | grape's | | soft | juice, | = and | mellow | it to wine; | = With | | citron | groves | = a- | dorn a | distant | soil, | And the | fat | olive | swell with | floods of | oil : | - We envy not the warmer clime, -that | lies | -In | ten de- | grees of | more in- | | dulgent | skies; | - - | Nor at the | coarseness | of our | heaven re- | pine, | -Tho' | o'er our | | heads | - the | frozen | Pleiads | shine: | - - | -'Tis | Liberty | - that | crowns Bri- | tannia's | isle, | - And | makes her | barren | rocks, | - and her | bleak | mountains | = ~ | smile. | = ~ | = ~ | ---

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS OFTEN ILL-DIRECTED.

CARTER.

Moderate. 2 | ~ The | midnight | moon se- | renely | smiles | | O'er | nature's | soft re- | pose; | - No | lowering | | cloud ob- | scures the | sky, | r. Nor | ruffling | tempest | blows. | ~ ~ | Now ~ | every | passion | sinks to | rest. | ~ The | throbbing | heart | ~ lies | still; | | ~ And | varying | schemes of | life | ~ no | more | | . Dis- | tract the | labouring | will. | . In | silence | | hush'd | roto | reason's | voice, | rotal tends each | | mental | power : | ~ ~ | Come, ~ | dear E- | milia, | | and en- | joy | . Re- | flection's | favourite | hour. | | ~ ~ | Come, ~ | ~ while the | peaceful | scene in- | | vites, | Let's | search this | ample | round; | - - | | ~ ~ | Where shall the | lovely | fleeting | form | | ~ Of | happiness | ~ be | found ? | ~ ~ | ~ ~ | Does it a- | midst the | frolic | mirth | ~ Of | gay as- | | semblies | dwell; | ~ Or | hide be- | neath the | | solemn | gloom, | ~ That | shades the | hermit's | | cell? | ~ ~ | ~ How | oft the | laughing | | brow of | joy, | . A | sickening | heart con | ceals ! | | ~~ | ~ And | through the | cloister's | deep re- | cess, | ~ In- | vading | sorrow | steals. | ~ ~ | | - In | vain, | - through | beauty, | - - | fortune, | | r | wit, | r The | fugitive | r we | trace; | | . It | dwells not | in the | faithless | smile, | | ~ That | brightens | Clodia's | face. | ~ ~ | ~ ~ | | re Per- | haps the | joy to | these de- | ni'd, | re The | | heart in | friendship | finds : | re | Ah ! | dear de- | | lusion, | re | gay con- | ceit | re Of | visionary | | minds ! | re | re | re How | e'er our | varying | | notions | rove, | re Yet | all a- | gree in | one, | re To | | place its | being | re in some | state, | re At | distance | Rather slow.

| from our | own. | ~ ~ | O | blind to | each in- | dulgent | aim, | ~ Of | power su- | premely | wise, | | ~ Who | fancy | happiness | ~ in | aught | ~ The | hand of | heaven de- | nies ! | ~ ~ | ~ ~ | Vain is a- | like the | joy we | seek, | ~ And | vain | what we pos- | sess, | ~ Un- | less har- | monious | reason | | tunes | ~ The | passions | ~ into | peace. | ~ ~ | | ~ To | temper'd | wishes, | ~ ~ | just de- | sires, | | ~ Is | happiness | ~ con- | fin'd; | ~ ~ | And, ~ | | deaf to | folly's | call, | ~ At- | tends | ~ The | | music | ~ of the | mind. | ~ ~ | ~ ~ |

THE CREATION REQUIRED TO PRAISE ITS AUTHOR.

OGILVIE.

Rather slow.

2 | ~ Be- | gin, my | soul, | ~ the ex- | alted | lay! ~ |

| ~ Let | each en- | raptur'd | thought o- | bey, ~ |

| ~ And | praise the Al- | mighty's | name: | ~ ~ |

| Lo! | heaven and | earth, | ~ and | seas, | ~ and |

| skies, | ~ In | one me- | lodious | concert | rise, |

| ~ To | swell the in- | spiring | theme. | ~ ~ | ~ Ye |

| fields of | light, | ~ ce- | lestial | plains, | ~ Where |

| gay trans- | porting | beauty | reigns, | ~ Ye | scenes di- | vinely | fair! | ~ Your | Maker's | wonderous | power pro- | claim; | ~ ~ | Tell | how he | formed your | shining | frame, | ~ And | breath'd the | fluid | lair. | ~ ~ | ~ Ye | angels, | ~ ~ | catch the | thrilling | sound ! | - While | all the a- | doring | thrones a- | | round, | ~ · His | boundless | mercy | sing : | ~ · Let | | every | listening | saint a- | bove, | - Wake | all the | | tuneful | soul of | love, | ~ And | touch the | sweetest | string. | . ~ ~ | Join, | ~ Ye | loud | spheres, | | rothe | vocal | choir; | ro | Thou | dazzling | orb of | liquid | fire, | . The | mighty | chorus | aid : | | - - | Soon as gray | evening | gilds the | plain, | Thou | moon, | re pro- | tract the | melting | | strain, | ~ And | praise him | ~ in the | shade. | Thou | heaven of | heavens, | re his | vast a- | | bode; | re Ye | clouds, | re pro- | claim your | forming | God, | . Who | call'd | yon | worlds | | refrom | night: | re | ref Ye | shades | redis- | | pel!" | rethe E- | ternal | said; | re At | once the in- | | volving | darkness | fled, | r. And | nature | sprung to | | light. | ~ ~ | ~ What- | e'er a | blooming | world con- | tains, | r. That | wings the | air, | r. that | | skims the | plains, | r. U- | nited | praise be- | stow : | | ~ Ye | dragons, | ~ ~ | sound his | awful | name | To | heaven | roa- | loud; | roar ac- | | claim, | ~ Ye | swelling | deeps be- | low. | ~ ~ [Let | every | element | re- | joice; | re- | | thunders, | burst | rewith | awful | voice, | re To | | HIM | ~ · who | bids you | roll: | ~ ~ | ~ His |

| praise | ~ in | softer | notes | ~ de- | clare, | ~ Each | | whispering | breeze | rof | yielding | air, | ro And | | breathe it | roto the | soul. | ro | ro | him, | | regretering | cedars, rel bow; regretering ing | mountains, | ~ ~ | bending | low, | ~ Your | | great Cre- | ator - | own; | - - | Tell, | - when af- | | frighted | nature | shook, | - How | Sinai | kindled | | rat his | look, | r. And | trembled | rat his | frown. | | ~ ~ | ~ Ye | flocks that | haunt the | humble | vale, | | . Ye | insects | fluttering | on the | gale, | . In | | mutual | concourse | rise; | ~ ~ | Crop the | gay | | rose's | vermeil | bloom, | ~ And | waft its | spoils | ~ : a | sweet per- | fume, | ~ · In | incense | ~ to the | skies. | ~ ~ | Wake | all ye | mountain | tribes, | ~ and | sing; | ~ Ye | plumy | warblers | ~ of the | spring, | - Har- | monious | anthems | raise | To | HIM | ~ who | shaped your | finer | mould, | ~ · Who | tipp'd your | glittering | wings with | gold, | And | tuned your | voice to | praise. | ~ ~ | ~ Let | man, | ~ by | nobler | passions | sway'd, | The | feeling | heart, | . the | judging | head, | | r. In | heavenly | praise | r. em. | ploy; | r. | Spread | his tre- | mendous | name a- | round, | ~ Till | heaven's | broad | arch | ~ rings | back the | | sound, | ~ The | general | burst of | joy. | ~ ~ | ~Ye | whom the | charms of | grandeur | please, [| ~ ~ | Nurs'd | ~ on the | downy | lap of | ease, | | Fall | prostrate | at his | throne: | Fall | ~Ye | princes, | rulers, | ~ ~ | all | ~ a- | dore; | | re | Praise | him | re ye | kings, | re who | makes |

| your | power | ~ An | image | ~ of his | own. | ~ | | ~ Ye | fair, | ~ by | nature | form'd to | move, | | ~ | O | praise | ~ the E- | ternal | source of | love, | ~ With | youth's en- | livening | fire : | ~ | | ~ | | ~ Let | age take | up the | tuneful | lay, | ~ | | Sigh his | blest | name— | ~ | then | soar a- | way, | Slow.

AUBURN; OR, THE DESERTED VILLAGE.

GOLDSMITH.

Rather slow. 3 | Sweet | Auburn ! | - | loveliest | village | of the | plain, | = ~ | ~ Where | health and | plenty ~ | | cheer'd the | labouring | swain; | - Where | | smiling | spring | = its | earliest | visit | paid, | -And | parting | summer's | lingering | blooms | -de- | lay'd; | - | Dear | lovely | bowers | -of | innocence | mand | ease, | = m | Seats of my | youth, | -when | every | sport could | please, | -How | often | have I | loiter'd | o'er thy | green, | ~ Where | humble | happiness | -en- | dear'd each | scene! - How often have I paus'd - on every | charm, | - The | shelter'd | cot, - | - The | | cultivated | farm, | - The | never- | failing | brook, | -the | busy | mill, | -The | decent | church | -that | | topp'd the | neighbouring | hill, | - The | hawthorn | | bush, | - with | seats be- | neath the | shade | - For | | talking | age and | youthful | converse | made ! | - - |

| - How | often | have I | bless'd the | coming | day, | - When | toil re- | mitting | lent its | turn to | play; | - And | all the | village | train, | - from | labour | free, ~ | - Led | up their | sports | - be- | neath the | spreading | tree; ~ | - While | many a | pastime | circled | in the | shade, | - The | young con- | tending | ~as the | old sur- | vey'd; | - And | many a | gambol | frolick'd | o'er the | ground, | - And | sleights of | art | - and | feats of | strength went | round, | - ~ | These | were thy | charms, | - ~ | sweet | village ! | - ~ | sports like | these, | - With | sweet suc- | cession, ~ | taught e'en | toil to | please; | - ~ [. | These | round thy | bowers | - their | cheerful | influence | shed; | - ~ | These | were thy | charms, — |

Very slow.

| - ~ | but ~ | all these | charms | - are | fled. ~ |

| - ~ | - ~ | - ~ |

Rather slow.

| Sweet | smiling | village! | - | loveliest | of the | lawn, | Thy | sports are | fled, | - and | all thy | charms | - with- | drawn; | - A- | midst thy | bowers | - the | tyrant's | hand is | seen, | - And | deso- | lation | saddens | all thy | green: | - | One | only | master | grasps the | whole do- | main, | - And | half a | tillage | stints thy | smiling | plain. | - No | more thy | glassy | brook re- | flects the | day, | - But | chok'd with | sedges, | works its | weedy | way; | - A- | long thy | glades, | - a | solitary | guest, | - The | hollow- | sounding | bittern | guards its | nest; | - A- | midst thy | desert | walks, | - the | lapwing | flies, | - And | tires their | echoes | with un- | varied |

cries. | - ~ | Sunk | are thy | bowers | - in | shapeless | ruin | all, | ~ And the | long | grass | - o'er- | tops the | mouldering | wall; | - And | trembling, | | - ~ | shrinking, | ~ from the | spoiler's | hand, | | - ~ | Far, | - ~ | far a- | way | - thy | children | | leave the | land. | - ~ | - ~ |

[Ill | fares the | land, | = to | hastening | ills a | prey, | = Where | wealth ac- | cumulates, | = and | men de- | cay. | = ~ | Princes and | lords | = may | flourish, | = or may | fade; | = A | breath can | make them, | ~as a | breath | has made: | = ~ | ~But a | bold | peasantry, | = their | country's | pride, | = When | once de- | stroy'd, | = can | never | ~be sup- | plied. | = ~ | = A | time there | was, ~ | = ere | England's | griefs be- | gan, ~ | = When | every | rood of | ground | = main- | tain'd its | man; ~ | = For | him light | labour | spread her | wholesome | store; | = ~ | Just | gave what | life re- | quir'd, | = but | gave no | more : | = His | best com- | panions, ~ | innocence and | health; ~ | ~And his | best | riches, ~ | ignorance of | wealth. ~ | = ~ |

| -But | times are | alter'd; | - | trade's un- | feeling | train | -U- | surp the | land, | -and | dispos- | sess the | swain. | -A- | long the | lawn, | -where | scatter'd | hamlets | rose, | -Un- | wieldy | wealth | -and | cumbrous | pomp re- | pose; | -And | every | want to | luxury al- | lied, | -And | every | pang that | folly | pays to | pride: | - | Those | gentle | hours | -that | plenty | bade to | bloom, | -Those | calm de- | sires | -that | ask'd but | little |

| room, | Those | healthful | sports | that | grac'd the | peaceful | scene, | - | Liv'd | in each | look | and | brighten'd | all the | green—| - | These, | far de | parting, | seek a | kinder | shore, | And | rural | mirth and | manners | are no | more. | - | | - | | - |

| Sweet | Auburn! | — | parent | rof the | blissful | hour, | Thy | glades for- | lorn | — con- | fess the | tyrant's | power. | — | Here | ras I | take my | solitary | rounds, | — A- | midst thy | tangling | walks, | — and | ruin'd | grounds; | — And | many a | year e- | laps'd | — re- | turn to | view | — Where | once the | cottage | stood, | — the | hawthorn | grew; | — Re- | membrance | wakes with | all her | busy | train, | — rackstand | Swells | ratkstand | breast, | — and | turns the | past to | pain. | — rackstand | = rackstand | turns the | past to | pain. | — rackstand | rackst

| = In | all my | wanderings | round this | world of | | care, | = In | all my | griefs— | = and | God has | | given my | share— | = I | still had | hopes, | = my | | latest | hours to | crown, | = A- | midst these | humble | bowers | = to | lay me | down; | = To | husband | out | life's | taper | ~ at the | close, | = And | keep the | flame from | wasting | ~ by re- | pose; | = I | | still had | hopes, | = for | pride at- | tends us | still, | = A- | midst the | swains | = to | show my | booklearn'd | skill; | = A- | round my | fire | = an | evening | group to | draw, | = And | tell of | all I | felt, | = and | all I | saw: | = ~ | And, ~ | ~ as a | hare, | = whom | hounds and | horns pur- | sue, | = ~ | Pants to the | place from | whence at | first he | flew, |

| - - | I | still had | hopes, | - my | long vex- | ations | | past. | - - | Here to re- | turn- | - and | die at | | home at | last. | = ~ | 0 | blest re- | tirement, | | - - | friend to | life's de- | cline, | - Re- | treat from | | care | ~ that | never | must be | mine ! | - ~ | ~ How | | blest is | he, - | who | crowns, | - in | shades like | | these, | - A | youth of | labour | - with an | age of | | ease; | - Who | quits a | world | - where | strong temp- | tations | try, | = And, | since 'tis | hard to | | combat, | = | learns to | fly ! | = | = For | him | no | wretches, | born to | work and | weep, | - Ex-| plore the | mine, | - or | tempt the | dangerous | | deep; | = ~ | = No | surly | porter ~ | stands in | guilty | state, | - To | spurn im- | ploring | famine | from the | gate; | = But | on he | moves | = to | | meet his | latter | end, | = > | Angels a- | round | | -be- | friending | virtue's | friend; | - - | Sinks | to the | grave | with | unper- | ceiv'd de- | cay, | -While | resig- | nation - | gently | slopes the | | way; | = And | all his | prospects | brightening | to the | last, | = His | heaven com- | mences | = ~ | ere the | world be | past! | = > | = > |

| Sweet | was the | sound, | = when | oft, at | evening's | close, | = Up | yonder | hill | = the | village | murmur | rose; | = ~ | There | ~as I | pass'd, | = with | careless | steps and | slow, | = The | mingling | notes ~ | ~came | soften'd | ~from be- | low; | = The | swain, | = re- | sponsive | ~as the | milk maid | sung, | = The | sober | herd | = that | low'd to | meet their young, | = The | noisy | geese | = that |

gabbled | o'er the | pool, | - The | playful | children | | just let | loose from | school, | - The | watch-dog's | | voice | - that | bay'd the | whispering | wind, | And the | loud | laugh, | - that | spoke the | vacant | mind; | = ~ | These ~ | all in | sweet con- | | fusion | sought the | shade, | - And | fill'd each | pause | - the | nightin- | gale had | made. | - -But | now the | sounds of | popu- | lation | fail, | | - - | No | cheerful | murmurs | fluctuate | - in the | | gale, | -No | busy | steps | -the | grass-grown | | foot-way | tread, | - But | all the | bloomy | flush of | life | is | fled: | is | All | but you | widow'd | solitary | thing, | - that | feebly | ben'ds | | -be- | side the | plashy | spring; | | - - | She, - | | wretched | matron ! | = | forc'd in | age, | = for | | bread, | - To | strip the | brook with | mantling | cresses | spread, | - To | pick her | wintry | fagot | | - from the | thorn, | - To | seek her | nightly | shed, | -and | weep till | morn; | - - | She | only | left | -of all the harmless train, -The sad his-| torian | rof the | pensive | plain ! | = ro | = ro | Near | yonder | copse, | where | once the | garden | smil'd, | - And | still where | many a | garden | flower grows | wild, | - - | There - | where a | few | torn | shrubs | - the | place dis- | close, | The | village | preacher's | modest | mansion | rose. | | - - | - A | man he | was | - to | all the | country | | dear, | - And | passing | rich, | - with | forty | | pounds a | year; | - F | - Re- | mote from | towns | | -he | ran his | godly | race, | - Nor | e'er had |

| chang'd, | - nor | wish'd to | change, | - his | place. | | - - | - Un- | skilful | he | - to | fawn, | - or | seek for | power, | -By | doctrines | fashin'd | - to the | | varying | hour; | - - | Far | other | aims | - his | | heart had | learn'd to | prize, | - | More | bent to | | raise the | wretched | - than to | rise. | - - | - His | | house was | known | - to | all the | vagrant | train; | | -He | chid their | wanderings, | -but re- | liev'd their | pain. | - - | - The | long re- | member'd | | beggar | - was his | guest, | - Whose | beard de- | | scending, | = - | swept his | aged | breast; | - The | | ruin'd | spendthrift, | - - | now no | longer | | proud, | = r | Claim'd | kindred | there, | = and | | had his | claims al- | low'd | - The | broken | soldier, | kindly | bade to | stay, | = ~ | ~ Sat | ~ by his | fire, | = and | talk'd the | night a- | way; | = - | | Wept | o'er his | wounds, | - or | tales of | sorrow | | done, | = - | Shoulder'd his | crutch, | - and | | show'd how | fields were | won. | = - | | Pleas'd | with his | guests, | - the | good man | | learn'd to | glow, | - And | quite for- | got their | | vices | rin their | wo; | - r | Careless | - their | merits | - or their | faults to | scan, | - His | pity | | gave | re'er | charity | -be- | gan. | - r | - r | | Thus to re- | lieve the | wretched | was his | | pride, | - And | e'en his | failings | - ~ | lean'd to | | virtue's | side: | = ~ | But, ~ | ~ in his | duty ~ | | prompt at | every | call, | ~ He | watch'd | - and | | wept, | - he | pray'd | - and | felt | - for | all : |

| - ~ | And, as a | bird | ~ each | fond en- | dearment |

| tries, | -To | tempt her | new-fledg'd | offspring | | ~ to the | skies; | - ~ | ~ He | tried each | art, | - re- | | prov'd each | dull de- | lay, | -Al- | lured to | brighter | | worlds, | - and | led the | way. | - ~ | -Be- | side the | bed, ~ | - where | parting | life was | laid, | | -And | sorrow, | guilt, and | pain, | - by | turns dis- | may'd, | ~ The | reverend | champion | stood. | - ~ | | -At | his con- | trol | - De- | spair and | anguish | | fled the | struggling | soul; | - ~ | Comfort | ~ came | | down | - ~ | - the | trembling | wretch to | raise, | | - ~ | And his | last | faltering | accents | - ~ | | whisper'd | praise. | - ~ | - ~ |

-At | church, | - with | meek | - and unaf-| fected | grace, | - His | looks a- | dorn'd the | venerable | place; | - - | Truth from | his lips | - pre- | | vail'd with | double | sway; | = And | fools who | came to | scoff, | = re- | main'd to | pray. | = -- The | service | past, | - a- | round the | pious | | man, | - With | ready | zeal | - each | honest | rustic | | ran; | - - | E'en | children | follow'd | - with en- | | dearing | wile, | - And | pluck'd his | gown, | - to | | share the | good man's | smile. | - His | ready | smile | | = a | parent's | warmth ex- | press'd; | = Their | | welfare | pleas'd him, | and their | cares | dis- | tress'd. | -- | -To | them | - his | heart, | -his | | love, | = his | griefs | = were | given, | = But | all his | | serious | thoughts | - had | rest in | heaven: | - - | -As | some | tall | cliff | -that | lifts its | awful | form, | - - | Swells | - from the | vale, | - and |

| midway | leaves the | storm, | Though | round its | | breast | the | rolling | clouds are | spread, | E- | | ternal | sunshine | | | | settles | | on its | head. | | | | | | | | |

HUMAN FRAILTY...

COWPER.

Moderate.

2 | Weak | and ir- | resolute | ris | man; | r. The | purpose | rof to- | day, | ro | Woven with | pains | into his | plan, | ro To | morrow | rends a- | way. | The | bow | well | bent, | re and | smart the | spring, | ~ ~ | Vice | seems al- | ready | slain; | But | passion | rudely | snaps the | string, | ~ ~ | | And it re- | vives a- | gain. | - - | - Some | foe | | to his up- | right in- | tent, | Finds | out his | weaker | | part; | ~ ~ | Virtue en- | gages | ~ his as- | sent, | But | pleasure | P | wins his | heart. | P | re 'Tis | here the | folly | re of the | wise, | Through | | all his | art we | view ; | ~ And | while his | tongue the | charge de- | nies, | . His | conscience | owns it | true. | ~ ~ | Bound on a | voyage of | awful | | length, | . And | dangers | little | known, | . A | stranger | to su- | perior | strength, | r | Man | | vainly | trusts his | own. | - | - But | oars a- | | lone | ~can | ne'er pre- | vail | ~ · To | reach the | | distant | coast; | ~ The | breath of | heaven | ~ must] swell the | sail, | ~ Or | all the | toil | ~ is | lost. | | 44 | 44 | 44 |

THE ORDER OF NATURE.

POPE.

Rather slow.

3 | See, | through this | air, | - this | ocean, | - and this | earth, | - - | All | matter | quick, | - and | | bursting | ~ into | birth. | - ~ | - A- | bove, ~ | | -how | high | -pro- | gressive | life may | go ! - | | -A- | round, | whow | wide ! w | whow | deep ex- | | tend be- | low ! ~ | - ~ | Vast | chain of | being! | | = ~ | which from | God be- | gan, ~ | = ~ | Natures c- | thereal, | = ~ | human; | = ~ | angel, | | - | man; | - | Beast, | bird, | fish, | insect; | | what no | eye can | see, | No | glass can | | reach; ~ | = from | infinite to | thee, | = From | thee | | = to | nothing. - | = ~ | ~ On su- | perior | powers | - Were | we to | press, | - in- | ferior | might on | ours; | - Or in the | full cre- | ation - | leave a | | void, | = > | Where, | one step | broken, | - the | | great | scale's de- | stroy'd : | - - | - From | nature's | | chain | - What- | ever | link you | strike, | - - | | Tenth. | or ten- | thousandth, | = | breaks the | | chain a- | like. | - - | - And, | if each | system | rin gra- dation roll, -A- like es- sential to the a- | mazing | whole, | - The | least con- | fusion | | but in | one, | not | all | That | system | only, | | -but the | whole | - must | fall. | - - | - Let | | earth un- | balanc'd | rfrom her | orbit | fly, | - - | Planets and | suns | run | lawless | thro' the |

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| sky; | = ~ | = Let | ruling | angels | ~ from their [| spheres be | hurl'd, | = ~ | Being on | being | wreck'd, | | and | world | on | world; | - | Heaven's | | whole foun- | dations | - to their | centre | nod, | | And | nature | tremble | to the | throne of | God : | | - ~ | ~ All | this dread | ORDER | break- | - ~ | | = for | whom? | = for | thee? | = ~ | Vile | worm! | | - | Oh | madness ! | - | pride ! | - | | mim- | | piety! ~ | ~ ~ | What if the | foot ~ or- | | dain'd the | dust to | tread, | = Or | hand - to | toil, | | -as- | pir'd to | be the | head ? | - - | - | What if the | hand, | - the | eye, | - or | ear | - re- | pin'd | | -To | serve | mere | engines | - to the | ruling | | mind? | = ~ | = ~ | Just as ab- | surd for | any | | part to | claim | To be a- | nother, | in this | | general | frame : | = | Just as ab- | surd, | = to | | mourn the | tasks or | pains, | - The | great di- | recting | MIND OF | ALL | - or- | dains. | - - | | - - | All are but | parts of | one stu- | pendous | | whole, | - Whose | body | nature | is, | - and | God | -the | soul : | - ~ | That, ~ | chang'd through | all, | | -and | yet in | all the | same, | - - | Great | -in the | earth, | -as | in the e- | thereal | frame; | - - | | Warms | ~in the | sun, ~ | = re- | freshes | ~in the | | breeze, | - - | Glows | - in the | stars, | - and | | blossoms | ~ in the | trees; | = ~ | Lives | through all | | life, - | -ex- | tends | -through | all ex- | tent, | | - - | Spreads | undi- | vided, - | - oper- | ates | - un- | | spent ; | - - | Breathes | in our | soul | -in- | forms our | mortal | part, | -As | full, | -as | perfect, |

| win a | hair | as | heart; | As | full, | as | | perfect, | = in | vile | man | = that | mourns, | -As the | rapt | seraph | that a- | dores | and | burns : | | == To | him | == no | high, | == no | low, | == no | great, | = no | small; | = He | fills, | = he | bounds, | | -con- | nects, | -and | equals | all. | - - | | Cease then, | = nor | ORDER | rimper- | fection | | name : | - Our | proper | bliss | - de- | pends on | | what we | blame. | = | Know thy | own | point : | | - this | kind, | - this | due de- | gree | - Of | blindness, | = | weakness, | = | Heaven be- | stows on | thee. ~ | - Sub- | mit. - ~ | - In | | this, ~ | ~ or any | other | sphere, | = Se- | cure to | | be as | blest | = as | thou canst | bear : | = r | Safe r | oin the | hand of | one dis- | posing | Power, | | -Or | in the | natal, | wor the | mortal | hour. | - All | nature | sis but | art, | -un- | known to | thee; - | - | All | chance, | -di- | rection, | which thou | canst not | see; - | - | All | discord, | = | harmony | not under | stood; | = | | All | partial | evil, | | uni- | versal | good : | = | - And, | spite of | Pride, | - in | erring | Reason's |

| spite, | = ~ | One | truth is | clear — | = ~ | = WHAT- |
| EVER | IS. | = IS | RIGHT. | = ~ | = ~ |

TO THE URSA MAJOR.

H. WARE, JR.

Rather slow.

3 | - With | what a | stately | - and ma- | jestic | | step - | - That | glorious | constel- | lation | - of the |

| north | - - | Treads its e- | ternal | circle ! | - - | | going | forth | - Its | princely | way a- | mongst the | | stars | -in | slow And | silent | brightness. | - - | | Mighty | one, | = ~ | all | hail ! | = ~ | = I | joy to | | see thee, | on thy | glowing | path, | - ~ | Walk, | | like some | stout and | girded | giant- | - - | | stern, | - Un- | wearied, | - resolute, | - whose | | toiling | foot Dis- | dains to | loiter | - on its | destined | way. | = r | - The | other | tribes | - for- | | sake their | midnight | track, | - And | rest their | | weary | orbs | = be- | neath the | wave; | = ~ | -But | thou dost | never | close thy | burning | eye, | | - Nor | stay thy | steadfast | step. - | - But | on, | still on, | - While | systems | change, | - and | suns re- | tire, | - and | worlds | Slumber and | | wake, | - thy | ceaseless | march pro- | ceeds. | -The | near ho- | rizon - | tempts to | rest in | vain. | - Thou, | faithful | sentinel, | - dost | never | | quit Thy | long-ap- | pointed | watch ; | = ~ | but, ~ | | sleepless | still, | - Dost | guard the | fix'd | light | | rof the | universe, | - And | bid the | north | - for- | ever | know its | place. | = - | Ages have | witness'd | thy de- | voted | trust, | - Un- | chang'd, | - un- | changing. | - When

| Ages have | witness'd | thy de- | voted | trust, |
| - Un- | chang'd, | - un- | changing. | - ~ | When
the | sons of | God | ~ Sent | forth that | shout of | joy |
- which	rang thro'	heaven,	- And	echoed	
~ from the	outer	spheres	- that	bound The il-	
limitable	universe,	- thy	voice	Join'd the	
high	chorus;	- ~	from thy	radiant	orbs
- The	glad	cry	sounded,	- ~	swelling to

| His | praise, | - Who | thus had | cast a- | nother | | sparkling | gem, | = > | Little, | = but | beautiful, | | -a- | mid the | crowd Of | splendours | -that en- | | rich his | firmament. | - - | - | As thou art | now | = | so | wast thou | then | = the | same. |

| Ages have | rolled their | course, | - and | time | | grown | gray ; | - The | seas have | chang'd their | | beds; - | - the e- | ternal | hills Have | stoop'd with | | age ; | - the | solid | continents | - Have | left their | | banks; | - and | man's im- | perial | works- | - The | | toil, | pride, | strength of | kingdoms, | which had | | flung Their | haughty | honours | - in the | face of | | heaven, | - As | if im- | mortal- | - | have been | | swept a- | way- | = - | Shatter'd | = and | mouldering, | = | buried | and for- | got. | = | But | time has | shed no | dimness | on thy | front, | Nor | touch'd the | firmness | rof thy | tread : | | - | youth, | strength, | - And | beauty - | still are | thine - | = as | clear, | = as | bright, | = As | | when the Al- | mighty | Former | sent thee | forth, - | | Beautiful | offspring | ~ of his | curious | skill, | - To | | watch earth's | northern | beacon | - and pro- | claim The e- | ternal | chorus | = of e- | ternal | Love. | | m le | m le |

| I | wonder | as I | gaze. | i | That | | stream of | light, | = Un | dimm'd, | = un- | quench'd, - | | = ~ | just as I | see thee | now, - | - Has | issued | from those | dazzling | points, | = through | years | | That go | back | far | into e- | ternity. | - -

| -Ex- | haustless | flood ! | -for- | ever | spent, [re- | new'd For- | ever! | | Yea, | -and | | those re- | fulgent | drops, | - Which | now de- | scend | upon my | lifted | eye, | = - | Left their | | far | fountain | twice three | years a- | go. ~ | - ~ | | While those | wing'd | particles, | - whose | speed out- | strips The | flight of | thought, | - were | on their | | way, | - the | earth | Compass'd its | tedious | circuit | | round and | round, | - And | in the ex- | tremes of | annual | change, | = be- | held | Six | autumns | fade, | | = ~ | six | springs re- | new their | bloom. | = ~ | | So | far from | earth | those | mighty | orbs re-| volve ! | = - | - So | vast the | void | - through | | which their | beams | -de- | scend ! | - - | - - | Yea, | glorious | lamps of | God, | - - | He may have | | quench'd Your | ancient | flames, | - and | bid e- | | ternal | night | Rest | on your | spheres; | - and | | yet no | tidings | reach This | distant | planet. | - - | | Messengers | still | come - | Laden with | your far | | fire, | - - | and we may | seem to | see your | lights still | burning; | - - | while their | blaze | - But | | hides the | black | wreck | rof ex- | tinguish'd | realms, | -Where | anarchy and | darkness | - - | long have | | reign'd. | - - | - - |

Yet	what is	this,	which	to the as-		
tonish'd	mind	Seems	measureless,	- and		
which the	baffled	thought Con-	founds?	-		
- A	span,	- a	point,	- in	those do-	mains
Which the	keen	eye can	traverse.	-		
-	Seven	stars	Dwell in that	brilliant		

| cluster, ~ | ~ and the | sight Em- | braces | all at | lonce; - | - r | - yet | each from | each | - Re- | | cedes as | far | -as | each of | them from | earth. - | -And | every | star | -from | every | other - | | burns | No less re- | mote. | - | From the pro- | | found of | heaven, | - Un- | travell'd | even in | | thought, | - - | keen, | piercing | rays | - - | Dart | | through the | void, | = re- | vealing | - to the | sense | | Systems | = and | worlds | = un- | number'd. | = -| Take the | glass re | - And | search the | skies. | | - - | - The | opening | skies | - pour | down | Upon your | gaze | thick | showers of | sparkling | fire-| = | Stars, | = | crowded, | = | throng'd. | | - in | regions | so re- | mote, | - That their | swift | | beams | - the | swiftest | things that | be- | - Have | | travell'd | centuries | on their | flight to | earth. - | | = | Earth, | = | sun, | = and | nearer | constel- | | lations, | = - | what Are | ye a- | mid this | infinite ex- | tent And | multitude | -of | God's | - most | | infinite | works ! | = ~ | = ~ |

| -And | these are | suns! - | - ~ | vast, | central, | living | fires, | - ~ | Lords of de- | pendent | systems, | - ~ | kings of | worlds | -That | wait as | satellites up- | on their | power, | -And | flourish | in their | smile. | - ~ | -A- | wake, my | soul, | -And | meditate the | wonder ! | - ~ | Countless | suns | Blaze | round thee, | - ~ | leading | forth their | countless | worlds ! | - ~ | Worlds, | in whose | bosoms | living | things re- | joice, | -And | drink the | | bliss of | being | ~ from the | fount Of | all-per- |

| vading | Love. - | - What | mind can | know, | | What | tongue can | utter, | all their | multitudes! | | Thus | numberless | in | numberless | a- | | bodes! | - | Known | but to | thee, | | blessed | Father ! | = | Thine they | are, | = Thy | | children | and thy | care; | and | none o'er- | | look'd Of | thee !- | = r | no, r | not the | humblest | | soul | - that | dwells | Upon the | humblest | globe, | which | wheels its | course | - A- | mid the | giant | | glories | ro of the | sky, | ro | Like the | mean | | mote | - that | dances | - in the | beam | - A- | | mongst the | mirror'd | lamps, | - which | fling their | | wasteful | splendour | rom the | palace | wall. | | m ro | m ro | None, | m ro | none es- | cape the | | kindness | rof thy | care; | ro | All | compass'd | | wunder- | neath thy | spacious | wing, | = | Each | | fed and | guided | - by thy | powerful | hand. | - - |

| Tell me, | = ye | splendid | orbs | = as | from your | | throne, | = Ye | mark the | rolling | provinces | = that | | own Your | sway— | = what | beings | fill those | | bright a- | bodes ? | = ~ | = How | form'd, | = how | | gifted ? | = ~ | what their | powers, | = their | state, | | = Their | happiness, | = their | wisdom ? | = ~ | | Do they | bear The | stamp of | human | nature ? | = ~ | | Or has | God | Peopled those | purer | realms | = with | lovelier | forms | = And | more ce- | lestial | minds ? | = ~ | = Does | Innocence | = Still | wear her | native | ~ and un- | tainted | bloom ? | = ~ | | Or has | Sin ~ | breath'd his | deadly | blight a- |

| broad, | - And | sow'd cor- | ruption | in those | | fairy | bowers ? | - Has | War trod | o'er them | | with his | foot of | fire? | = And | Slavery | | forged his | chains? | - and | Wrath and | Hate, - | -And | sordid | Selfishness, | - and | cruel | Lust, - | | Leagued their | base | bands | - to | tread out | light and | truth, ~ | - And | scatter'd | wo | ~ where | Heaven had | planted | joy ? | - or | are they | yet all | | paradise, | - un- | fallen | - And | uncor- | rupt? | =ex- | istence | one | long | joy, | = With- | out dis- | | ease | upon the | frame, | = or | sin | Upon the | heart, | -or | weariness of | life- | - | Hope | never | | quench'd, | - and | age un- | known, | - And | death | | - un- | fear'd; | - while | fresh and | fadeless | youth - | Glows in the | light from | God's near | throne of | | love ? | = ~ | = ~ |

| Open your | lips, ~ | = ye | wonderful | | = and | fair! | = ~ | Speak, | = ~ | speak! | | = ~ | -the | mysteries | ~ of those | living | worlds | | = Un- | fold! ~ | = ~ | = ~ | ~ No | language? | | = ~ | Ever- | lasting | light, | = And | ever- | lasting | silence? | = ~ | = ~ | Yet the | eye May | read | ~ and under- | stand. | = ~ | = The | hand of | God | = Has | | written | legibly | ~ what | man may | know ~ | | = The | GLORY | ~ of THE | MAKER. | = ~ | = ~ | There it | shines, | = In- | effable, ~ | ~ un- | changeaable; | = and | man, | = ~ | Bound to the | surface of this | pigmy ~ | globe, | = May | know | = and | ask no | more. | = ~ | = In | other | days, | = When | | death shall | give the en- | cumber'd | spirit | wings, |

| - Its | range | shall be ex- | tended; | - | it shall | | roam. | - Per- | chance, | - a- | mongst those | vast, | | -mvs-| terious | spheres, | - - | - Shall | pass from | orb to orb. | - and | dwell in | each | - Fa- | miliar | | with its | children | | learn their | laws, | - | - And | share their | state, | - and | study and a- | | dore | - The | infinite va- | rieties of | bliss And | | beauty, - | by the | Hand of | Power di- | vine - | | Lavish'd on | all its | works. ~ | = E- | ternity | - Shall | thus roll | on | - with | ever | fresh de- | | light; | = r | No | pause of | pleasure | r or im- | | provement; | = r | world On | world | r still | opening | to the in- | structed | mind | - An | unex- | | hausted | universe, | - and | time But | adding to its | | glories; | - while the | soul, | Ad- | vancing | ever - | to the | Source of | light And | all per- | | fection, | = | lives, | = a - | dores | = and | reigns | In | cloudless | knowledge, | - - | purity | - and | bliss. | ma po | mm po | mm po |

PERPETUAL ADORATION.

MOORE.

Rather slow.

2 | ~ The | turf shall | be my | fragrant | shrine; |
~ My	temple	Lord,	~ that	arch of	thine;
~ My	cencer's	breath the	mountain	airs,	
~ And	silent	thoughts	~ my	only	prayers:
~					
~ My	choir shall	be the	moonlight	waves,	

~When	murmuring	homeward	to their	caves;	
~ Or	when the	stillness	~ of the	sea,	~
Even	more than	music,	~	breathes of	
thee. ~	~				

| ~I'll | seek, by | day, ~ | ~ some | glade un- | | known, | ~ ~ | All | light and | silence, | ~ ~ | | like thy | throne; | ~ ~ | And the | pale | stars | ~ shall | | be, ~ at | night, | ~ The | only | eyes | ~ that | | watch my | rite. | ~ |

| rack | heaven, | rack on | which 'tis | bliss to | | look, rack | rack Shall | be my | pure | rack and | shining | | book, rack | rack | Where I shall | read, | rack in | words of | flame, | rack The | glories | rack of thy | wondrous | | name. | rack |

| ~I'll | read thy | anger | in the | rack, | ~ 'That | | clouds a- | while the | day-beam's | track; | ~ 'Thy | | mercy, ~ | in the | azure | hue | ~ Of | sunny | | brightness, | breaking | through. | ~ ~ |

| There's | nothing | bright, | r a - | bove, | r be - | low, | r From | flowers that | bloom, | r to | stars that | glow, | r But | in its | light | r my | soul can | see | Some | feature | r of thy | Deity! |

| There's | nothing | dark, | ~ be- | low, | ~ a- | | bove, | ~ But | in its | gloom | ~ I | trace thy | | love; | ~ And | meekly | wait | that | moment, | | when | ~ Thy | touch shall | turn | all | bright | | ~ a- | gain. | ~ ~ |

THE PLANETARY AND TERRESTRIAL WORLDS COM-PARATIVELY CONSIDERED.

ADDISON.

Moderate. 3 | = To | us, who | dwell on its | surface, ~ | | = the | earth is by | far rethe | most ex- | tensive | orb | that our | eyes can | any where be- | hold : - | | r it is | also | clothed with | verdure, | adis- | tinguished by | trees - | - and a- | dorned with a va- | | riety of | beautiful deco- | rations; ~ | - where- | as, to a spec- | tator > | placed on one of the | planets, > | it wears a | uniform | aspect; | looks all | lumi-| nous; | | and no | larger than a | spot. | To | | beings who | dwell at still | greater distances, | | -it en- | tirely disap- | pears. - | - | That which we | call al- | ternately the | morning | - and the | | evening | star, ~ | ~ (as in | one part of the | orbit ~ | she rides | foremost in the pro | -cession of | night, - | | win the | other w | wushers | in w | wand an-| ticipates the | dawn,) ~ | ~ is a | planetary | world. | This planet, | and the four others - that so | | wonderfully | vary their | mystic | dance, - | are in them- | | selves | dark bodies, | and shine | only by re- | | flection; ~ | - have | fields, and | seas, and | skies of their own; - | = are | furnished with | | all accommo- | dations for | animal sub- | sistence, - | and are sup- posed to be the a- bodes of intel-| lectual | life; ~ | - ~ | all | which ~ to- | gether with

our | earthly habi- | tation, - | rare de- | pendent on that | grand dis- | penser of Di- | vine mu- | nificence, - the | sun; - | -re- | ceive their | light | from the distri- | bution of his | rays, ~ | and de- | | rive their | comfort | from his be- | nign | agency. ~ [The | sun, which | seems to perform its daily | stages through the | sky, ~ | is, ~ in this re- | spect, | fixed, and im- | movable: | | - | it is the great | axle of | heaven, - a- | bout which the | globe we in- | habit and | other more | spacious | orbs, | wheel their | stated | courses. | The | sun, though | seemingly | smaller than the | dial it il- | luminates, | - is | more than a | | million times | larger ~ | ~ than this | whole | earth, | on which | so many | lofty | mountains | rise, | and such vast ocean's roll. A line ex- | tending from | side to | side - | - through the | | centre of that re- | splendent | orb, | = would | measure | | more than eight | hundred | thousand | miles: | - - | | = a | girdle ~ | formed to go | round its cir- | cumference, w | would re- quire wa | length of | millions. - Were its | solid con- | tents to be | estimated, I the ac- | count would over- | whelm our under- | | standing - | - and be | almost be- | youd the power of | language to ex- | press. - | - Are we | startled at these re- | ports of phi- | losophy! - | | - - | Are we ready to | cry out in a | transport of sur- | prise, ~ | ~ "How | mighty is the | Being who | | kindled so pro- | digious a | fire; and | keeps a- | | live, I from | age to | age, | so e- | normous a |

| mass of | flame!" | = ~ | ~ Let us at- | tend our philo- | sophical | guides, - | and we shall be | brought ac- | quainted | with specu- | lations | more en- | | larged | = and | more in- | flaming. | - - | = This | | sun, with | all its at- | tendant | planets, ~ | is but a | | very little | part wof the | grand ma- | chine of the | | universe : | = | every | star | though in ap- | | pearance | - no | bigger than | the diamond that | | glitters upon a | lady's | ring, | = is | really a | vast | | globe, | rlike the | sun in | size, | rand in | glory; | | = | no less | spacious, | = | no less | luminous, | 1 - than the | radiant | source of | day. - | - - | - So that | every | star, ~ | ~ is not | barely a | world. ~ | but the | centre of a mag- | nificent | system; - |has a | retinue of | worlds, | -ir- | radiated | by its | beams, | and re- | volving | round its at- | | tractive | influence, | = | all which are | lost to our | sight | win un- | measurable | wilds of | ether. w | That the stars ap- pear like so many di- | minutive, | - and | scarcely dis- | tinguishable | | points, - | = is | owing to their im- | mense | and incon- | ceivable | distance. - | = Im- | mense | and incon- | ceivable in | deed wit | is, ro | resince a | ball, ro | | shot from the | loaded | cannon, | - and | flying with una- | bated ra- | pidity, - | = must | travel, - at | this impetuous | rate, - | almost | seven | hundred | | thousand | years, | -be- | fore it could | reach the | | nearest of these | twinkling | luminaries. | - - | | While, be- | holding this | vast ex- | panse, - | - I | | learn my | own ex- | treme | meanness, | I would |

| also dis- | cover - the | abject | littleness - of | all ter- | | restrial things. | = | What is the | earth with | | all her | osten- | tatious | scenes, | - com- | pared with | | this as | tonishing | grand | furniture of the | skies? ~ | | - - | What, -but a | dim | speck, - | hardly per- | | ceivable in the | map of the | universe? | - | It is ob- | served by a | very judicious | writer, ~ | ~ that if the | sun him- | self, which en- | lightens | this part of the cre- ation, ~ | ~ were ex- | tinguished, | = and | | all the | host of | planetary | worlds, which | move a- | | bout him, | were an- | nihilated, | - they | would not be | missed by an | eye that can | take in the | | whole | compass of | nature, > | = any | more than a | grain of | sand | upon the sea- | shore. - | - The | | bulk of | which they con- | sist, - | - and the | space which they | occupy, ~ | are so ex- | ceeedingly | | little in com- | parison of the | whole, ~ | ~ that their | loss would | scarcely leave a | blank | in the im- | | mensity ~ | ~ of God's | works. ~ | | ~ | If then, ~ | | not our globe | only, - | but this whole | system, - | | be so very di- | minutive - | - | what is a | kingdom, | or a | country? | = | What are a few | | lordships, | - or the | so much ad- | mired | patrimonies of | those who are | styled | wealthy? ~ | = ~ | | ~ When I | measure them | ~ with my | own little | | pittance, ~ | - they | swell into | proud and | bloated di- | mensions: | - but | when I take the | universe | for my | standard, | = how | scanty is their | size! | | - | how con- | temptible their | figure! | - | | - They | sink | ~into | pompous | nothings. | - ~ |

TO-MORROW.

COTTON.

3 | = To- | morrow, | redidst thou | say ? re | = re | | - Me- | thought I | heard Ho- | ratio ~ | say, ~ To- | morrow. = Go to; = I will not hear of it- | - r | - To- | morrow. | - r | r y'Tis a | | sharper, | - who | stakes his | penury | - A- | gainst thy | plenty - - | - who | takes thy | ready | cash, - | - And | pays thee | nought but | wishes, - | hopes, and | | promises, | = The | currency of | idiots - - | = in- | [jurious | bankrupt, | - That | gulls the | easy | creditor! | To- morrow! | To-It is a | period | nowhere to be | found | - In | all the | hoary | registers of | time, - | - Un- | less, - per- | chance, in the fool's calendar. | Wisdom | = dis- | claims the | word, - | = nor | holds so- | ciety With | those who | own it. - | = - | No, | -my Ho- | ratio, - | -'Tis | Fancy's | child, | - and | Folly | ris its | father; | - Wrought of | | such | stuff | = as | dreams | are, ~ | = and | baseless | As the fan- | tastic | visions | of the | evening. | - - | - But | soft, my | friend--= ar-| rest the | present | moment: | = For | be as-| sured | - they | all are | arrant | tell-tales: | - - | - And | | though their | flight be | silent, | - and their | path | | Trackless | ras the | winged | couriers | rate | | air, | - They | post to | heaven | - and | there re-

| cord thy | folly : - | - Be- | cause, | - though | stationed | on the im- | portant | watch, | Thou, | wlike a | sleeping, | faithless | sentinel, | - Didst | let them | | pass un- | noticed, | = - | unim- | proved. | = - | -And | know, | for that thou | slumberest | on the | | guard, ~ | - ~ | Thou shalt be | made to | answer at the | bar - | = for | every | fugitive : | = - | = and | | when thou | thus Shalt | stand im- | pleaded | - at the | high tri- | bunal Of | hood-winked | Justice, | | - | who shall | tell thy | audit? | - - | | Then - | stay the | present | instant, - | dear Ho- | | ratio, ~ | - Im- | print the | marks of | wisdom | on its | wings; | = ~ | ~ Tis of | more | worth than | kingdoms! | = > | far more | precious | = Than | | all the | crimson | treasures | - of | life's | fountain. | | - - | - - | 0! | let it not e- | lude thy | grasp; | - | but, - | - like The | good old | patriarch | | ~ upon | record, | = ~ | Hold the | fleet | angel | | fast | -un- | til he | bless thee. | - - |

NIGHT THOUGHTS.

YOUNG.

Slow. 3 | Tir'n | Nature's | sweet re- | storer, | = - | | balmy | Sleep! | = ~ | He, ~ | ~ like the | world, | = his | | ready visit | pays, | - Where | fortune | smiles ; | - the | | wretched | - he for- | sakes : | - - | Swift on his | | downy | pinions | flies from | wo, | - And | lights on | lids - | - un- | sulli'd with a | tear. - | - - |

| = From | short | = (as | usual) ~ | ~ and dis-I turb'd re- | pose, | = I | wake : ~ | = ~ | ~ how | | happy | they | - who | wake no | more! | - - | | ~Yet | that were | vain, | -if | dreams | -in-| | fest the | grave. | = | I | wake, | = e- | merging | - from a | sea of | dreams | - Tu- | multuous; | | - | where my | wreck'd de- | sponding | thought, | | - From | wave to | wave of | fancied | misery, | | -At | random | drove, | -her | helm of | reason | | lost : | = r | = Though | now re- | stored, | = 'tis | only | change of | pain, | - (A | bitter | change!) | | = se- | verer | refor se- | vere : | = re | = The | day | | too | short | for my dis- | tress ! - | - and | night, | | Even in the | zenith of her | dark do- | main, | - Is | | sunshine | - to the | colour of my | fate. - | - - | 1 = 1= |

Night,	sable	goddess!	from her	ebon			
throne,	In	rayless	majesty	now	stretches		
forth Her	leaden	sceptre	o'er a	slumbering			
world.	-	-	Silence,	how	dead!		
- and	darkness,	-	how pro-	found!	-		
Nor	eye,	nor	listening	ear,	- an	object	
finds:	-	Cre-	ation	sleeps.	-	'Tis	
as the	general	pulse Of	life	stood	still,	and	
Nature	made a	pause,	An	awful	pause!		
-	-	- pro-	phetic	of her	end.	-	And
let her	prophecy	- be	soon ful-	filled;	-		

| Fate! ~ | drop the | curtain; | - ~ | I | - can | lose no | more. ~ | - ~ | - ~ |

SPEECH OF CICERO AGAINST VERRES.

The time is come, Fathers, when that which has long been wished for, towards allaying the envy your order has been subject to, and removing the imputations against trials, is effectually put in your power. An opinion has long prevailed, not only here at home, but likewise in foreign countries, both dangerous to you, and pernicious to the state, -that, in prosecutions, men of wealth are always safe, however clearly convicted. There is now to be brought upon his trial before you, to the confusion, I hope, of the propagators of this slanderous imputation, one whose life and actions condemn him in the opinion of all impartial persons; but who, according to his own reckoning, and declared dependance upon his riches, is already acquitted; I mean Caius Verres. I demand justice of you, Fathers, upon the robber of the public treasury, the oppressor of Asia Minor and Pamphylia, the invader of the rights and privileges of Romans, the scourge and curse of Sicily. If that sentence is passed upon him which his crimes deserve, your authority, Fathers, will be venerable and sacred in the eyes of the public: but if his great riches should bias you in his favour, I shall still gain one point,—to make it apparent to all the world, that what was wanting in this case, was not a criminal nor a prosecutor, but justice and adequate punishment.

To pass over the shameful irregularities of his youth, what does his quæstorship, the first public employment

he held, what does it exhibit, but one continued scene of villanies? Cneius Carbo, plundered of the public money by his own treasurer, a consul stripped and betrayed, an army deserted and reduced to want, a province robbed, the civil and religious rights of a people violated. employment he held in Asia Minor and Pamphylia, what did it produce but the ruin of those countries? in which houses, cities, and temples, were robbed by him. What was his conduct in his prætorship here at home? Let the plundered temples, and public works neglected, that he might embezzle the money intended for carrying them on, bear witness. How did he discharge the office of a judge? Let those who suffered by his injustice answer. But his prætorship in Sicily crowns all his works of wickedness, and finishes a lasting monument to his infamy. The mischiefs done by him in that unhappy country, during the three years of his iniquitous administration, are such, that many years, under the wisest and best of prætors, will not be sufficient to restore things to the condition in which he found them; for it is notorious, that, during the time of his tyranny, the Sicilians neither enjoyed the protection of their own original laws; of the regulations made for their benefit by the Roman senate, upon their coming under the protection of the commonwealth; nor of the natural and unalienable rights of men. His nod has decided all causes in Sicily for these three years. And his decisions have broken all law, all precedent, all right. The sums he has, by arbitrary taxes and unheard-of impositions, extorted from the industrious poor, are not to be computed. The most

faithful allies of the commonwealth, have been treated as enemies. Roman citizens have, like slaves, been put to death with tortures. The most attrocious criminals, for money, have been exempted from the deserved punishments; and men of the most unexceptionable characters, condemned and banished unheard. The harbours, though sufficiently fortified, and the gates of strong towns, have been opened to pirates and ravagers. The soldiery and sailors, belonging to a province under the protection of the commonwealth, have been starved to death; whole fleets, to the great detriment of the province, suffered to perish. The ancient monuments of either Sicilian or Roman greatness, the statues of heroes and princes, have been carried off; and the temples stripped of the images. Having, by his iniquitous sentences, filled the prisons with the most industrious and deserving of the people, he then proceeded to order numbers of Roman citizens to be strangled in the gaols: so that the exclamation, "I am a citizen of Rome!" which has often, in the most distant regions, and among the most barbarous people, been a protection, was of no service to them; but, on the contrary, brought a speedier and more severe punishment upon them.

I ask now, Verres, what thou hast to advance against this charge? Wilt thou pretend to deny it? Wilt thou pretend, that any thing false, that even any thing aggravated, has been urged against thee? Had any prince, or any state, committed the same outrage against the privilege of Roman citizens, should we not think we had sufficient ground for demanding satisfaction? What

punishment ought, then, to be inflicted upon a tyrannical and wicked prætor, who dared, at no greater distance than Sicily, within sight of the Italian coast, to put to the infamous death of crucifixion, that unfortunate and innocent citizen, Publius Gavius Cosanus, only for his having asserted his privilege of citizenship, and declared his intention of appealing to the justice of his country, against the cruel oppressor, who had unjustly confined him in prison at Syracuse, whence he had just made his escape? The unhappy man, arrested as he was going to embark for his native country, is brought before the wicked prætor. With eyes darting fury, and a countenance distorted with cruelty, he orders the helpless victim of his rage to be stripped, and rods to be brought: accusing him, but without the least shadow of evidence, or even of suspicion, of having come to Sicily as a spy. It was in vain that the unhappy man cried out, "I am a Roman citizen: I have served under Lucius Pretius, who is now at Panormus, and will attest my innocence." The blood-thirsty prætor, deaf to all he could urge in his own defence, ordered the infamous punishment to be inflicted. Thus, Fathers, was an innocent Roman citizen publicly mangled with scourging; whilst the only words he uttered, amidst his cruel sufferings, were, "I am a Roman citizen!" With these he hoped to defend himself from violence and infamy. But of so little service was this privilege to him, that, while he was thus asserting his citizenship, the order was given for his execution,—for his execution upon the cross!

O liberty !- O sound once delightful to every Roman

ear! O sacred privilege of Roman citizenship!—once sacred!—now trampled upon!—But what then! Is it come to this? Shall an inferior magistrate, a governor, who holds his whole power of the Roman people, in a Roman province, within sight of Italy, bind, scourge, torture with fire and red hot plates of iron, and at last put to the infamous death of the cross, a Roman citizen? Shall neither the cries of innocence expiring in agony, nor the tears of pitying spectators, nor the majesty of the Roman commonwealth, nor the fear of the justice of his country, restrain the licentious and wanton cruelty of a monster, who, in confidence of his riches, strikes at the root of liberty, and sets mankind at defiance?

I conclude with expressing my hopes, that your wisdom and justice, Fathers, will not, by suffering the atrocious and unexampled insolence of Caius Verres to escape due punishment, leave room to apprehend the danger of a total subversion of authority, and the introduction of general anarchy and confusion.

SPEECH OF ADHERBAL TO THE ROMAN SENATE, IMPLORING THEIR PROTECTION AGAINST JUGURTHA.

PATHERS!

It is known to you, that king Micipsa, my father, on his death-bed, left in charge to Jugurtha, his adopted son, conjunctly with my unfortunate brother, Hiempsal, and myself, the children of his own body, the administration of the kingdom of Numidia, directing us to consider the senate and people of Rome as proprietors of it. He

charged us to use our best endeavours to be serviceable to the Roman commonwealth; assuring us that your protection would prove a defence against all enemies; and would be instead of armies, fortifications and treasures.

While my brother and I were thinking of nothing but how to regulate ourselves according to the directions of our deceased father—Jugurtha—the most infamous of mankind!—breaking through all the ties of gratitude and of common humanity, and trampling on the authority of the Roman commonwealth, procured the murder of my unfortunate brother; and has driven me from my throne and native country, though he knows I inherit, from my grandfather, Massinissa, and my father, Micipsa, the friendship and alliance of the Romans.

For a prince to be reduced, by villainy, to my distressful circumstances, is calamity enough; but my misfortunes are heightened by the consideration—that I find myself obliged to solicit your assistance, Fathers, for the services done you by my ancestors, not for any I have been able to render you in my own person. Jugurtha has put it out of my power to deserve any thing at your hands; and has forced me to be burdensome, before I could be useful to you. And yet, if I had no plea, but my undeserved misery—a once powerful prince, the descendant of a race of illustrious monarchs, now, without any fault of my own, destitute of every support, and reduced to the necessity of begging foreign assistance, against an enemy who has seized my throne and my kingdom—if my unequalled distresses were all I had to

plead—it would become the greatness of the Roman commonwealth, to protect the injured, and to check the triumph of daring wickedness over helpless innocence. But, to provoke your resentment to the utmost, Jugurtha has driven me from the very dominions which the senate and people of Rome gave to my ancestors; and from which my grandfather and my father, under your umbrage, expelled Syphax and the Carthaginians. Thus, Fathers, your kindness to our family is defeated; and Jugurtha, in injuring me, throws contempt upon you.

O wretched prince! Oh cruel reverse of fortune! Oh father Micipsa! is this the consequence of thy generosity; that he, whom thy goodness raised to an equality with thy own children, should be the murderer of thy children? Must, then, the royal house of Numidia always be a scene of havoc and blood? While Carthage remained, we suffered, as was to be expected, all sorts of hardships from their hostile attacks; our enemy near; our only powerful ally, the Roman commonwealth, at a distance. When that scourge of Africa was no more, we congratulated ourselves on the prospect of established peace. But, instead of peace, behold the kingdom of Numidia drenched with royal blood! and the only surviving son of its late king, flying from an adopted murderer, and seeking that safety in foreign parts, which he cannot command in his own kingdom.

Whither—Oh! whither shall I fly? If I return to the royal palace of my ancestors, my father's throne is seized by the murderer of my brother. What can I there expect, but that Jugurtha should hasten to imbrue, in my

blood, those hands which are now reeking with my brother's? If I were to fly for refuge or for assistance to any other court, from what prince can I hope for protection, if the Roman commonwealth give me up? From my own family or friends I have no expectations. My royal father is no more. He is beyond the reach of violence, and out of hearing of the complaints of his unhappy son. Were my brother alive, our mutual sympathy would be some alleviation. But he is hurried out of life, in his early youth, by the very hand which should have been the last to injure any of the royal family of Numidia. The bloody Jugurtha has butchered all whom he suspected to be in my interest. Some have been destroyed by the lingering torment of the cross. Others have been given a prey to wild beasts, and their anguish made the sport of men more cruel than wild beasts. If there be any yet alive, they are shut up in dungeons, there to drag out a life more intolerable than death itself.

Look down, illustrious senators of Rome! from that height of power to which you are raised, on the unexampled distresses of a prince, who is, by the cruelty of a wicked intruder, become an outcast from all mankind. Let not the crafty insinuations of him who returns murder for adoption, prejudice your judgment. Do not listen to the wretch who has butchered the son and relations of a king who gave him power to sit on the same throne with his own sons. I have been informed that he labours, by his emissaries, to prevent your determining any thing against him in his absence; pretending that I magnify my distress, and might, for him, have staid in peace in

my own kingdom. But, if ever the time comes, when the due vengeance from above shall overtake him, he will then dissemble as I do. Then he, who now, hardened in wickedness, triumphs over those whom his violence has laid low, will, in his turn, feel distress, and suffer for his impious ingratitude to my father, and his blood-thirsty cruelty to my brother.

Oh murdered, butchered brother! Oh dearest to my heart-now gone forever from my sight!-but why should I lament his death? He is, indeed, deprived of the blessed light of heaven, of life, and kingdom, at once, by the very person who ought to have been the first to hazard his own life in defence of any one of Micipsa's family. But, as things are, my brother is not so much deprived of these comforts, as delivered from terror, from flight, from exile, and the endless train of miseries which render life to me a burden. He lies full low, gored with wounds, and festering in his own blood. But he lies in peace. He feels none of the miseries which rend my soul with agony and distraction, while I am set up a spectacle to all mankind, of the uncertainty of human affairs. So far from having it in my power to punish his murderer, I am not master of the means of securing my own life. So far from being in a condition to defend my kingdom from the violence of the usurper, I am obliged to apply for foreign protection for my own person.

Fathers! Senators of Rome! the arbiters of nations! to you I fly for refuge from the murderous fury of Jugurtha. By your affection for your children; by your love for your country; by your own virtues; by the majesty

of the Roman commonwealth; by all that is sacred, and all that is dear to you—deliver a wretched prince from undeserved, unprovoked injury; and save the kingdom of Numidia, which is your own property, from being the prey of violence, usurpation, and cruelty.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD EDUCATION.

ADDISON.

I consider a human soul, without education, like marble in the quarry: which shows none of its inherent beauties, until the skill of the polisher fetches out the colours, makes the surface shine, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot and vein, that runs through the body of it. Education, after the same manner, when it works upon a noble mind, draws out to view every latent virtue and perfection, which, without such helps, are never able to make their appearance.

If my reader will give me leave to change the allusion so soon upon him, I shall make use of the same instance to illustrate the force of education, which Aristotle has brought to explain his doctrine of substantial forms, when he tells us, that a statue lies hid in a block of marble; and that the art of the statuary only clears away the superfluous matter, and removes the rubbish. The figure is in the stone, and the sculptor only finds it. What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to a human soul. The philosopher, the saint, or the hero, the wise, the good, or the great man, very often lies hid and concealed in a plebian, which a proper education

might have disinterred, and have brought to light. I am, therefore, much delighted with reading the accounts of savage nations; and with contemplating those virtues which are wild and uncultivated: to see courage exerting itself in fierceness, resolution in obstinacy, wisdom in cunning, patience in sullenness and despair.

Men's passions operate variously, and appear in different kinds of actions, according as they are more or less rectified and swayed by reason, When one hears of negroes, who, upon the death of their masters, or upon changing their service, hang themselves upon the next tree, as it sometimes happens in our American plantations. who can forbear admiring their fidelity, though it expresses itself in so dreadful a manner? What might not that savage greatness of soul, which appears in these poor wretches on many occasions, be raised to, were it rightly cultivated? And what colour of excuse can there be, for the contempt with which we treat this part of our species; that we should not put them upon the common foot of humanity; that we should only set an insignificant fine upon the man who murders them; nay, that we should, as much as in us lies, cut them off from the prospects of happiness in another world, as well as in this: and deny them that which we look upon as the proper means for attaining it?

It is therefore an unspeakable blessing, to be born in those parts of the world, where wisdom and knowledge flourish; though, it must be confessed, there are, even in these parts, several poor, uninstructed persons, who are but little above the inhabitants of those nations of which

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I have been here speaking; as those who have had the advantages of a more liberal education, rise above one another by several different degrees of perfection. For, to return to our statue in the block of marble, we see it sometimes only begun to be chipped, sometimes rough hewn, and but just sketched into a human figure; sometimes we see the man appearing distinctly in all his limbs and features; sometimes we find the figure wrought up to great elegancy; but seldom meet with any to which the hand of a Phidias or a Praxiteles could not give several nice touches and finishings.

MOTIVES TO THE PRACTICE OF GENTLENESS.

BLAIR.

To promote the virtue of gentleness, we ought to view our character with an impartial eye; and to learn, from our own failings, to give that indulgence which in our turn we claim. It is pride which fills the world with so much harshness and severity. In the fulness of self-estimation, we forget what we are. We claim attentions to which we are not entitled. We are rigorous to offences, as if we had never offended; unfeeling to distress, as if we knew not what it was to suffer. From those airy regions of pride and folly, let us descend to our proper level. Let us survey the natural equality on which Providence has placed man with man, and reffect on the infirmities common to all. If the reflection on natural equality and mutual offences, be insufficient to prompt humanity, let us at least remember what we are in the

sight of our creator. Have we none of that forbearance to give one another, which we all so earnestly entreat from heaven? Can we look for clemency or gentleness from our Judge, when we are so backward to show it to our own brethren?

Let us also accustom ourselves to reflect on the small moment of those things which are the usual incentives to violence and contention. In the ruffled and angry hour, we view every appearauce through a false medium. The most inconsiderable point of interest or honour, swells into a momentous object; and the slightest attack seems to threaten immediate ruin. But after passion or pride has subsided, we look around in vain for the mighty mischiefs we dreaded. The fabric, which our disturbed imagination had reared, totally disappears. But though the cause of contention has dwindled away, its consequences remain. We have alienated a friend: we have embittered an enemy; we have sown the seeds of future suspicion, malevolence, or disgust.-Let us suspend our violence for a moment, when causes of discord occur. Let us anticipate that period of coolness, which, of itself, will soon arrive. Let us reflect how little we have any prospect of gaining by fierce contention; but how much of the true happiness of life we are certain of throwing away. Easily, and from the smallest chink, the bitter waters of strife are let forth; but their course cannot be forseen; and he seldom fails of suffering most from their poisonous effect, who first allows them to flow.

A SUSPICIOUS TEMPER THE SOURCE OF MISERY TO ITS POSSESSOR.

BLAIR.

As a suspicious spirit is the source of many crimes and calamities in the world, so it is the spring of certain misery to the person who indulges it. His friends will be few; and small will be his comfort in those whom he possesses. Believing others to be his enemies, he will of course make them such. Let his caution be ever so great, the asperity of his thoughts will often break out in his behaviour; and in return for suspecting and hating, he will incur suspicion and hatred. Besides the external evils which he draws upon himself, arising from alienated friendship, broken confidence, and open enmity, the suspicious temper itself is one of the worst evils which any man can suffer. If "in all fear there is torment," how miserable must be his state, who, by living in perpetual jealousy, lives in perpetual dread! Looking upon himself to be surrounded with spies, enemies, and designing men, he is a stranger to reliance and trust. knows not to whom to open himself. He dresses his countenance in forced smiles, while his heart throbs within from apprehensions of secret treachery. Hence fretfulness and ill-humour, disgust at the world, and all the painful sensations of an irritated and embittered mind.

So numerous and great are the evils arising from a suspicious disposition, that, of the two extremes, it is more eligible to expose ourselves to occasional disadvan-

tage from thinking too well of others, than to suffer continual misery by thinking always ill of them. It is better to be sometimes imposed upon, than never to trust. Safety is purchased at too dear a rate, when, in order to secure it, we are obliged to be always clad in armour, and to live in perpetual hostility with our fellows. This is, for the sake of living, to deprive ourselves of the comfort of life. The man of candour enjoys his situation, whatever it is, with cheerfulness and peace. Prudence directs his intercourse with the world; but no black suspicions haunt his hours of rest. Accustomed to view the characters of his neighbours in the most favourable light, he is like one who dwells amidst those heautiful scenes of nature, on which the eye rests with pleasure. Whereas, the suspicous man, having his imagination filled with all the shocking forms of human falsehood, deceit, and treachery, resembles the traveller in the wilderness, who discerns no objects around him but such as are either dreary or terrible; caverns that yawn, serpents that hiss, and beasts of prey that howl.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ORDER IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR TIME.

BLAIR.

TIME we ought to consider as a sacred trust committed to us by God; of which we are now the depositaries, and are to render an account at the last. That portion of it which he has allotted to us, is intended partly for the concerns of this world, partly for those of the next. Let

each of these occupy, in the distribution of our time, that space which properly belongs to it. Let not the hours of hospitality and pleasure, interfere with the discharge of our necessary affairs; and let not what we call necessary affairs, encroach upon the time which is due to devotion. To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. If we delay till tomorrow what ought to be done to-day, we overcharge the morrow with a burden which belongs not to it. We load the wheels of time, and prevent them from carrying us along smoothly. He who every morning plans the transactions of the day, and follows out that plan, carries on a thread which will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life. The orderly arrangement of his time is like a ray of light, which darts itself through all his affairs. But, where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidents, all things lie huddled together in one chaos, which admits neither of distribution nor review.

The first requisite for introducing order into the management of time, is, to be impressed with a just sense of its value. Let us consider well how much depends upon it, and how fast it flies away. The bulk of men are in nothing more capricious and inconsistent, than in their appreciation of time. When they think of it as the measure of their continuance on earth, they highly prize it, and with the greatest anxiety seek to lengthen it out. But when they view it in separate parcels, they appear to hold it in contempt, and squander it with inconsiderate profusion. While they complain that life is short, they

are often wishing its different periods at an end. Covetous of every other possession, of time only they are prodigal. They allow every idle man to be master of this property, and make every frivolous occupation welcome that can help them to consume it. Among those who are so careless of time, it is not to be expected that order should be observed in its distribution. But, by this fatal neglect, how many materials of severe and lasting regret are they laying up in store for themselves! The time which they suffer to pass away in the midst of confusion, bitter repentance seeks afterwards in vain to recall. What was omitted to be done at its proper moment, arises to be the torment of some future season. hood is disgraced by the consequences of neglected youth. Old age, oppressed by cares that belonged to a former period, labours under a burden not its own. At the close of life, the dying man beholds with anguish that his days are finishing, when his preparation for eternity is hardly commenced. Such are the effects of a disorderly waste of time, through not attending to its value. Every thing in the life of such persons is misplaced. Nothing is performed aright, from not being performed in due season.

But he who is orderly in the distribution of his time, takes the proper method of escaping those manifold evils. He is justly said to redeem the time. By proper management, he prolongs it. He lives much in little space; more in a few years, than others do in many. He can live to God and his own soul, and, at the same time, attend to all the lawful interests of the present world. He

looks back on the past, and provides for the future. He catches and arrests the hours as they fly. They are marked down for useful purposes, and their memory remains. Whereas those hours fleet by the man of confusion like a shadow. His days and years are either blanks, of which he has no remembrance, or they are filled up with so confused and irregular a succession of unfinished transactions, that though he remembers he has been busy, yet he can give no account of the business which has employed him.

THE JOURNEY OF A DAY; A PICTURE OF HUMAN LIFE.

JOHNSON.

OBIDAH the son of Abensina, left the caravansera early in the morning, and pursued his journey through the plains of Indostan. He was fresh and vigorous with rest; he was animated with hope; he was incited by desire; he walked swiftly forward over the vallies, and saw the hills gradually rising before him. As he passed along, his ears were delighted with the morning song of the bird of Paradise; he was fanned by the last flutters of the sinking breeze, and sprinkled with dew by groves of spices. He sometimes contemplated the towering height of the oak, monarch of the hills; and sometimes caught the gentle fragrance of the primrose, eldest daughter of the spring: and all his senses were gratified, and all care was banished from his heart.

Thus he went on, till the sun approached his meridian, and the increased heat preyed upon his strength; he

then looked round about him for some more commodious path. He saw, on his right hand, a grove that seemed to wave its shades as a sign of invitation; he entered it. and found the coolness and verdure irresistibly pleasant. He did not, however, forget whither he was travelling; but found a narrow way bordered with flowers, which appeared to have the same direction with the main road; and was pleased, that, by this happy experiment, he had found means to unite pleasure with business, and to gain the rewards of diligence without suffering its fatigues. He, therefore, still continued to walk for a time, without the least remission of his ardour, except that he was sometimes tempted to stop by the music of the birds. which the heat had assembled in the shade; and sometimes amused himself with plucking the flowers that covered the banks on either side, or the fruit that hung upon the branches. At last, the green path began to decline from its first tendency, and to wind among hills and thickets, cooled with fountains, and murmuring with waterfalls. Here Obidah paused for a time, and began to consider whether it were longer safe to forsake the known and common track; but remembering that the heat was now in its greatest violence, and that the plain was_dusty and uneven, he resolved to pursue the new path, which he supposed only to make a few meanders, in compliance with the varieties of the ground, and to end at last in the common road.

Having thus calmed his solicitude, he renewed his pace, though he suspected that he was not gaining ground. This uneasiness of his mind inclined him to lay hold on

every new object, and give way to every sensation that might sooth or divert him. He listened to every echo; he mounted every hill for a fresh prospect: he turned aside to every cascade; and pleased himself with tracing the course of a gentle river that rolled among the trees, and watered a large region with innumerable circumvolutions. In these amusements, the hours passed away unaccounted; his deviations had perplexed his memory, and he knew not towards what point to travel. He stood pensive and confused, afraid to go forward lest he should go wrong, yet conscious that the time of loitering was now past. While he was thus tortured with uncertainty, the sky was overspread with clouds; the day vanished from before him; and a sudden tempest gathered round his head. He was now roused by his danger to a quick and painful remembrance of his folly; he now saw how happiness is lost when ease is consulted; he lamented the unmanly impatience that prompted him to seek shelter in the grove; and despised the petty curiosity that led him on from trifle to trifle. While he was thus reflecting the air grew blacker, and a clap of thunder broke his meditation.

He now resolved to do what yet remained in his power, to tread back the ground which he had passed, and try to find some issue where the wood might open into the plain. He prostrated himself on the ground, and recommended his life to the Lord of Nature. He rose with confidence and tranquillity, and pressed on with resolution. The beasts of the desert were in motion, and on every hand were heard the mingled howls of rage and

fear, and ravage and expiration. All the horrors of darkness and solitude surrounded him: the winds roared in the woods; and the torrents tumbled from the hills.

Thus forlorn and distressed, he wandered through the wild, without knowing whither he was going, or whether he was every moment drawing nearer to safety, or to destruction. At length, not fear, but labour, began to overcome him; his breath grew short, and his knees trembled; and he was on the point of lying down in resignation to his fate, when he beheld, through the brambles, the glimmer of a taper. He advanced towards the light; and finding that it proceeded from the cottage of a hermit, he called humbly at the door, and obtained admission. The old man set before him such provisions as he had collected for himself, on which Obidah fed with eagerness and gratitude.

When the repast was over, "Tell me," said the hermit, "by what chance thou hast been brought hither. I have been now twenty years an inhabitant of the wilderness, in which I never saw a man before." Obidah then related the occurrences of his journey, without any concealment or palliation.

"Son," said the hermit, "let the errors and follies, the dangers and escape of this day, sink deep into thy heart. Remember, my son, that human life is the journey of a day. We rise in the morning of youth, full of vigour, and full of expectation; we set forward with spirit and hope, with gaiety and with diligence, and travel on awhile in the direct road of piety, towards the mansions of rest. In a short time we remit our fervour,

and endeavour to find some mitigation of our duty, and some more easy means of obtaining the same end. We then relax our vigour, and resolve no longer to be terrified with crimes at a distance; but rely upon our own constancy, and venture to approach what we resolve never to touch. We thus enter the bowers of ease, and repose in the shades of security. Here the heart softens, and vigilance subsides; we are then willing to inquire whether another advance cannot be made, and whether we may not, at least, turn our eyes upon the garden of pleasure. We approach them with scruple and hesitation; we enter them, but enter timorous and trembling; and always hope to pass through them without losing the road of virtue, which, for a while, we keep in our sight, and to which we purpose to return: but temptation succeeds temptation, and one compliance prepares us for another; we in time lose the happiness of innocence, and solace our disquiet with sensual gratifications. By degrees we let fall the remembrance of our original intention, and quit the only adequate object of rational desire. We entangle ourselves in business, immerge ourselves in luxury, and rove through the labyrinths of inconstancy; till the darkness of old age begins to invade us, and disease and anxiety obstruct our way. We then look back upon our lives with horror, with sorrow, with repentance; and wish, but too often vainly wish, that we had not forsaken the ways of virtue. Happy are they, my son, who shall learn from thy example, not to despair; but shall remember that, though the day is past, and their strength is wasted, there yet remains one effort to be made; that

reformation is never hopeless, nor sincere endeavours ever unassisted; that the wanderer may at length return after all his errors; and that he who implores strength and courage from above, shall find danger and difficulty give way before him. Go now, my son, to thy repose; commit thyself to the care of Omnipotence; and when the morning calls again to toil, begin anew thy journey and thy life."

OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPRESENCE OF THE DEITY, THE SOURCE OF CONSOLATION TO GOOD MEN.

ADDISON.

I was yesterday, about sun-set, walking in the open fields, till the night insensibly fell upon me. I at first amused myself with all the richness and variety of colours, which appeared in the western parts of heaven. In proportion as they faded away and went out, several stars and planets appeared one after another, till the whole firmament was in a glow. The blueness of the ether was exceedingly heightened and enlivened, by the season of the year, and the rays of all those luminaries that passed through it. The galaxy appeared in its most beautiful white. To complete the scene, the full moon rose, at length, in that clouded majesty which Milton takes notice of; and opened to the eye a new picture of nature, which was more finely shaded, and disposed among softer lights than that which the sun had before discovered as alterioght the and oversell to us.

As I was surveying the moon walking in her bright-

nesss, and taking her progress among the constellations, a thought arose in me, which I believe very often perplexes and disturbs men of serious and contemplative na-David himself fell into it in that reflection. "When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained: what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou regardest him !" In the same manner, when I considered that infinite host of stars, or to speak more philosophically, of suns, which were then shining upon me; with those innumerable sets of planets or worlds, which were moving round their respective suns; when I still enlarged the idea, and supposed another heaven of suns and worlds, rising still above this which we discovered; and these still enlightened by a superior firmament of luminaries, which are planted at so great a distance, that they may appear to the inhabitants of the former, as the stars do to us: in short, while I pursued this thought, I could not but reflect on that little insignificant figure which I myself bore amidst the immensity of God's works.

Were the sun, which enlightens this part of the creation, with all the host of planetary worlds that move about him, utterly extinguished and annihilated, they would not be missed more than a grain of sand upon the sea-shore. The space they posses is so exceedingly little in comparison of the whole, it would scarcely make a blank in the creation. The chasm would be imperceptible to an eye that could take in the whole compass of nature, and pass from one end of the creation to the other;

as it is possible there may be such a sense in ourselves hereafter, or in creatures which are at present more exalted than ourselves. By the help of glasses, we see many stars, which we do not discover with our naked eyes; and the finer our telescopes are, the more still are our discoveries.—Huygenius carries this thought so far, that he does not think it impossible that there may be stars, whose light has not yet travelled down to us, since their first creation. There is no question that the universe has certain bounds set to it; but when we consider that it is the work of Infinite Power, prompted by Infinite Goodness, with an infinite space to exert itself in, how can our imaginations set any bounds to it?

To return, therefore, to my first thought, I could not but look upon myself with secret horror, as a being that was not worth the smallest regard of one who had so great a work under his care and superintendency. I was afraid of being overlooked amidst the immensity of nature: and lost among that infinite variety of creatures, which, in all probability, swarm through all these immeasurable regions of matter.

In order to recover myself from this mortifying thought, I considered that it took its rise from those narrow conceptions, which we are apt to entertain of the Divine Nature. We ourselves cannot attend to many different objects at the same time. If we are careful to inspect some things, we must, of course, neglect others. This imperfection which we observe in ourselves, is an imperfection that cleaves, in some degree, to the highest capacities, as they are creatures, that is, beings of finite

and limited natures. The presence of every created being is confined to a certain measure of space; and consequently his observation is stinted to a certain number of objects. The sphere in which we move, and act, and understand, is of a wider circumference to one creature. than another, according as we rise one above another in the scale of existence. But the widest of these our spheres has its circumference. When, therefore, we reflect on the Divine Nature, we are so used and accustomed to this imperfection in ourselves, that we cannot forbear, in some measure, ascribing it to him, in whom there is no shadow of imperfection. Our reason, indeed, assures us, that his attributes are infinite; but the poorness of our conceptions is such, that it cannot forbear setting bounds to every thing it contemplates, till our reason comes again to our succour, and throws down all those little prejudices which rise in us unawares, and are natural to the mind of man.

We shall, therefore, utterly extinguish this metancholy thought, of our being overlooked by our Maker, in the multiplicity of his works, and the infinity of those objects, among which he seems to be incessantly employed, if we consider, in the first place, that he is omnipresent; and, in the second, that he is omniscient.

If we consider him in his omnipresence, his being passes through, actuates, and supports, the whole frame of nature. His creation, in every part of it, is full of him. There is nothing he has made, which is either so distant, so little, or so inconsiderable, that he does not essentially reside in it. His substance is within the substance of

every being, whether material or immaterial, and as intimately present to it, as that being is to itself. It would be an imperfection in him, were he able to move out of one place into another; or to withdraw himself from any thing he has created, or from any part of that space which he diffused and spread abroad to infinity. In short, to speak of him in the language of the old philosophers, he is a Being whose centre is every where, and his circumference no where.

In the second place, he is omniscient, as well as omnipresent. His omniscience, indeed, necessarily and naturally, flows from his omnipresence. He cannot but be conscious of every motion that arises in the whole material world, which he thus essentially pervades; and of every thought that is stirring in the intellectual world, to every part of which he is thus intimately united. Were the soul separated from the body, and should it, with one glance of thought, start beyond the bounds of the creation; should it for millions of years, continue its progress through infinite space, with the same activity, it would still find itself within the embrace of its Creator, and encompassed by the immensity of the Godhead.

In this consideration of the Almighty's omnipresence and omniscience, every uncomfortable thought vanishes. He cannot but regard every thing that has being, especially such of his creatures who fear they are not regarded by him. He is privy to all their thoughts, and to that anxiety of heart, in particular, which is apt to trouble them on this occasion; for, as it is impossible he should overlook any of his creatures, so we may be confident

that he regards, with an eye of mercy, those who endeavour to recommend themselves to his notice; and in unfeigned humility of heart, think themselves unworthy that he should be mindful of them.

DAVID'S CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S GRACE.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE BANEFUL INFLUENCES OF THAT SCEPTICAL PHI-LOSOPHY, WHICH BARS US FROM THE COMFORTS OF A BELIEF IN A FUTURE STATE.

CAMPBELL.

Oh! lives there, Heaven! beneath thy dread expanse, One hopeless, dark Idolater of Chance, Content to feed, with pleasures unrefined, The lukewarm passions of a lowly mind; Who, mouldering earthward, 'reft of every trust, In joyless union wedded to the dust, Could all his parting energy dismiss. And call this barren world sufficient bliss?-There live, alas! of Heaven-directed mien. Of cultured soul, and sapient eye serene, Who hail thee, Man! the pilgrim of a day, Spouse of the worm, and brother of the clay! Frail as the leaf in Autumn's yellow bower, Dust in the wind, or dew upon the flower! A friendless slave, a child without a sire, Whose mortal life, and momentary fire, Lights to the grave his chance-created form, As ocean-wrecks illuminate the storm: And when the gun's tremendous flash is o'er, To Night and Silence sink for ever more !-Are these the pompous tidings ye proclaim, Lights of the world, and demi-gods of Fame? Is this your triumph—this your proud applause, Children of Truth, and champions of her cause? For this hath Science searched, on weary wing, By shore and sea—each mute and living thing? Launched with Iberia's pilot from the steep, To worlds unknown, and isles beyond the deep? Or round the cope her living chariot driven, And wheeled in triumph through the signs of Heaven? Oh! star-eyed Science, hast thou wandered there, To waft us home the message of despair? Then bind the palm, thy sage's brow to suit, Of blasted leaf, and death-distilling fruit!

Ah me! the laurelled wreath that murder rears, Blood-nursed, and watered by the widow's tears, Seems not so foul, so tainted, and so dread, As waves the night-shade round the sceptic head. What is the bigot's torch, the tyrant's chain? I smile on death, if Heav'n-ward Hope remain! But, if the warring wins of Nature's strife Be all the faithless charter of my life, If Chance awaked, inexorable power! This frail and feverish being of an hour, Doom'd o'er the world's precarious scene to sweep, Swift as the tempest travels on the deep. To know Delight but by her parting smile, And toil, and wish, and weep, a little while; Then melt, ye elements, that formed in vain This troubled pulse, and visionary brain! Fade, ye wild-flowers, memorials of my doom! And sink, ye stars, that light me to the tomb! Truth, ever lovely, since the world began, The fee of tyrants, and the friend of man,-How can thy words from balmy slumber start. Reposing Virtue, pillowed on the heart! Yet, if thy voice the note of thunder rolled. And that were true which Nature never told. Let Wisdom smile not on her conquered field: No rapture dawns, no treasure is revealed! Oh! let her read, nor loudly, nor elate, The doom that bars us from a better fate: But, sad as angels for the good man's sin. Weep to record, and blush to give it in.

WE OFTEN CONDEMN IN OTHERS WHAT WE PRACTICE OURSELVES.

The two Robbers.

DR. AIKIN.

Alexander the Great in his tent. A man, with a fierce countenance, chained and fettered, brought before him.

Alexander. What! art thou the Thracian robber, of whose exploits I have heard so much?

Robber. I am a Thracian, and a soldier.

Alexander. A soldier!—a thief, a plunderer, an assassin! the pest of the country! I could honour thy courage, but I must detest and punish thy crimes.

Robber. What have I done of which you can complain?

Alexander. Hast thou not set at defiance my authority;
violated the public peace, and passed thy life in injuring
the persons and property of thy fellow subjects?

Robber. Alexander! I am your captive—I must hear what you please to say, and endure what you please to inflict. But my soul is unconquered; and if I reply at all to your reproaches, I will reply like a free man.

Alexander. Speak freely. Far be it from me to take the advantage of my power, to silence those with whom I deign to converse!

Robber. I must then answer your question by another. How have you passed your life?

Alexander. Like a hero. Ask Fame, and she will tell you. Among the brave, I have been the bravest; among sovereigns, the noblest; among conquerors, the mightiest.

Robber. And does not Fame speak of me too? Was there ever a bolder captain of a more valiant band? Was there ever—but I scorn to boast. You yourself know that I have not been easily subdued.

Alexander. Still, what art thou, but a robber—a base dishonest robber?

Robber. And what is a conqueror? Have not you, too, gone about the earth like an evil genius, blasting the fair fruits of peace and industry; plundering, ravaging, killing, without law, without justice, merely to gratify an insatiable lust for dominion? All that I have done to a single district, with a hundred followers, you have done to whole nations, with a hundred thousand. If I have stripped individuals, you have ruined kings and princes. If I have burned a few hamlets, you have desolated the most flourishing kingdoms and cities of the earth. What is then the difference, but that, as you were born a king, and I a private man, you have been able to become a mightier robber than I?

Alexander. But if I have taken like a king, I have given like a king. If I have subverted empires, I have founded greater. I have cherished arts, commerce, and philosophy.

Robber. I, too, have freely given to the poor, what I took from the rich. I have established order and discipline among the most ferocious of mankind; and have stretched out my protecting arm over the oppressed. I know, indeed, little of the philosophy you talk of; but I believe neither you nor I shall ever atone to the world, for half the mischief we have done it.

Alexander. Leave me—take off his chains, and use him well.—Are we then so much alike?—Alexander to a robber?—Let me reflect.

VIRTUE IN HUMBLE LIFE.

DODD.

VIRTUE and goodness are confined to no station: and wherever they are discovered, they command respect.

Perrin, the amiable subject of this narrative, lost both his parents before he could articulate their names, and was obliged to a charity school for his education. At the age of fifteen he was hired by a farmer to be a shepherd, in a neighbourhood where Lucetta kept her father's sheep. They often met, and were fond of being together. After an acquaintance of five years, in which they had many opportunities of becoming thoroughly known to each other, Perrin proposed to Lucetta, to ask her father's consent to their marriage: she blushed, and did not refuse her approbation.

As she had an errand to the town next day, the opportunity of her absence was chosen for making the proposal. "You wish to marry my daughter," said the old man: have you a house to cover her, or money to maintain her? Lucetta's fortune is not enough for both. It will not do, Perrin; it will not do." "But," replied Perrin, "I have bands to work: I have laid up twenty crowns of my wages, which will defray the expense of the wedding: I will work harder, and lay up more." "Well," said the old man, "you are young, and may

wait a little: get rich, and my daughter is at your service." Perrin waited for Lucetta's return in the evening.

"Has my father given you a refusal?" cried Lucetta. "Ah, Lucetta," replied Perrin, "how unhappy am I for being poor! But I have not lost all hopes: my circumstances may change for the better." As they were never tired of conversing together, the night approached, and it became dark. Perrin, making a false step, fell on the ground. He found a bag, which was heavy. Drawing towards a light in the neighbourhood, he discovered that it was filled with gold. "I thank heaven," cries Perrin, in a transport of joy, "for being favourable to our wishes. This will satisfy your father, and make us happy." In their way to her father's house, a thought struck Perrin. "This money is not ours, it belongs to some stranger; and perhaps this moment he is lamenting the loss of it; let us go to the vicar for advice: he has always been kind to me."

Perrin put the bag into the vicar's hand, saying, "that at first he looked on it as a providential present to remove the only obstacle to their marriage; but that he now doubted whether he could lawfully retain it." The vicar eyed the young couple with attention: he admired their honesty, which appeared even to surpass their affection. "Perrin," said he, "cherish these sentiments: Heaven will bless you. We will endeavour to find out the owner: he will reward thy honesty: I will add what I can spare. You shall have Lucetta."

The bag was advertised in the newspapers, and cried in the neighbouring parishes. Some time having elapsed,

and the money not having been demanded, the vicar carried it to Perrin. "These twelve thousand livres bear at present no profit: you may reap the interest, at least. Lay them out in such a manner, as to insure the sum itself to the owner, if he should ever appear." A farm was purchased, and the consent of Lucetta's father to the marriage was obtained. Perrin was employed in husbandry, and Lucetta in family affairs. They lived in perfect cordiality: and two children endeared them still more to each other.

Perrin, one evening returning homeward from his work, saw a chaise overturned with two gentlemen in it. He ran to their assistance, and offered them every accommodation his small house could afford. "This spot," cried one of the gentlemen, "is very fatal to me. Ten years ago, I lost here twelve thousand livres." Perrin listened with attention. "What search made you for them?" said he. "It was not in my power," replied the stranger, "to make any search. I was hurrying to Port l'Orient, to embark for the Indies, as the vessel was ready to sail.

Next morning. Perrin showed his guests his house, his garden, his cattle, and mentioned the produce of his fields. "All these are your property," said he, addressing the gentleman who had lost the bag: "the money fell into my hands; I purchased this farm with it; the farm is yours. The vicar has an instrument which secures your property, though I had died without seeing you."

The stranger read the instrument with emotion; he

looked on Perrin, Lucetta, and the children. "Where am I," cried he, "and what do I hear!—What virtue in people of so low a condition! Have you any other land but this farm?" "No," replied Perrin, "but you will have occasion for a tenant, and I hope you will allow me to remain here." "Your honesty deserves a better recompense," answered the stranger. "My success in trade has been great, and I have forgotten my loss. You are well entitled to this little fortune: keep it as your own. What man in the world could have acted more nobly than you have done?"

Perrin and Lucetta shed tears of affection and joy. "My dear children," said Perrin, "kiss the hand of your benefactor.—Lucetta, this farm now belongs to us, and we can enjoy it without any anxiety or remorse." Thus was honesty rewarded. Let those who desire the reward, practice the virtue.

THE INDESTRUCTIBILITY OF MATTER.

DR. ARNOTT.

THE smallest portion of any substance, which the human eye can perceive, is still a mass of many ultimate atoms or particles, which may be separated from each other, or newly arranged, but which cannot, individually, be hurt or destroyed.

A particle of powdered marble, hardly visible to the naked eye, still appears to the microscope a block susceptible of indefinite division; and, when broken by fit instruments, until the microscope can hardly discover the separate particles of the fine powder, these may be yet farther divided, by dissolving them in an acid, until the whole becomes absolutely invisible, as part of a transparent liqid.

A small mass of gold may be hammered into thin leaf, or drawn into fine wire, or cut into almost invisible parts, or liquefied in a crucible, or dissolved in acid, or dissipated by intense beat into vapour; yet, after any and all of these changes, the atoms can be collected again, and the original gold can be exhibited in its pristine state, without the slightest diminution or change. And all the substances, or elements, of which our globe is composed, may thus be cut, torn, bruised, ground, &c. a thousand times, but are always recoverable as perfect as at first.

And, with respect to delicate combinations of these elements, such as we see in animal and vegetable substances, although it be beyond human art originally to form, or to imitate many of them, still, in their decomposition and apparent destruction, the accomplished chemist of the present day does not lose a single atom. The coal which burns in his apparatus until only a little ash remains behind, or the wax taper which seems to vanish altogether in flame, or the portion of animal flesh which putrefies, and gradually dries up and disappears; all these phenomena are now proved to be only changes of connexion, and arrangement among the indestructible ultimate atoms; and the chemist can offer all the elements again, mixed or separate, as desired, for any of the useful purposes to which they are severally applicable. When the

funeral piles of the ancients, with their charge of human relict, appeared to be wholly consumed, and left the idea with survivors, that no base use could be made, in after time, of what had been the material dwelling of a noble or beloved spirit; the flames had only, as it were, scattered the everlasting blocks of which a former edifice had been constructed, but which were soon to serve again in new combinations.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE.

DR. ARNOTT.

No intelligent mind can meditate on human speech, and its influence in the world, without being roused to vivid admiration. But for speech, the most gifted individuals that have lived, had they existed at all, could have been little superior, in their worldly state, to the leading oxen of our herds, or to leading monkies in the Even at the present day, among the natives of Australasia, where language may be said scarcely yet to be known, human nature is seen thus shockingly debased. On the other hand, in the history of the world, we may trace, as a consequence of speech, the following progress in art and civilization. Fathers, by language, have communicated their gathered observations and reflections to their children; these, again, have transmitted the inheritance, with gradual accumulation, to new descendants; and so on, to the present day: and when the precious store had increased, until the simple powers of memory could retain no more, the art of writing arose,

making language visible and permanent, and enlarging without limit the receptacles of wisdom. Printing came last, and now rolls the still swelling flood of knowledge into every hamlet and every hut.

Thus, language, at the present moment of the world's existence, may be said to bind the whole human race, of uncounted millions, into one gigantic rational being, whose memory reaches to the beginnings of written record, and retains imperishably, the important events that have occurred; whose judgment, analyzing the treasures of memory, has already discovered many of the sublime and unchanging laws of nature, and has built on them the arts of life, and through them pierces far into futurity, seeing, distinctly, events that are to come; and whose eyes, and ears, and observant mind, are at this moment, in every corner of the earth, watching and recording new phenomena, for the purpose of still better comprehending the magnificence, and simplicity, and beauty of creation.

ON THE IMMORALITY OF THE SOUL.

ADDISON.

I was yesterday walking alone, in one of my friend's woods, and lost myself in it very agreeably, as I was running over, in my mind, the several arguments that establish this great point; which is the basis of morality, and the source of all the pleasing hopes, and secret joys that can arise in the heart of a reasonable creature. I considered those several proofs drawn,

First, from the nature of the soul itself, and particu-

larly its immateriality; which, though not absolutely necessary to the eternity of its duration, has, I think, been evinced to almost a demonstration.

Secondly, from its passions and sentiments; as, particularly, from its love of existence; its horror of annihilation; and its hopes of immortality; with that secret satisfaction which it finds in the practice of virtue, and that uneasiness which follows upon the commission of vice.

Thirdly, from the nature of the Supreme Being, whose justice, goodness, wisdom, and veracity, are all concerned in this point.

But among these, and other excellent arguments for. the immortality of the soul, there is one drawn from the perpetual progress of the soul to its perfection, without a possibility of ever arriving at it; which is a hint that I do not remember to have seen opened and improved by others who have written on this subject, though it seems to me to carry a very great weight with it. How can it enter into the thoughts of man, that the soul, which is capable of immense perfections, and of receiving new improvements to all eternity, shall fall away into nothing, almost as soon as it is created? Are such abilities made for no purpose? A brute arrives at a point of perfection, that he can never pass: in a few years he has all the endowments he is capable of; and were he to live ten thousand more, would be the same thing he is at present. Were a human soul thus at a stand in her accomplishments; were her faculties to be full blown, and incapable of farther enlargements; I could imagine she might

fall away insensibly, and drop at once into a state of annihilation. But can we believe a thinking being that is in a perpetual progress of improvement, and travelling on from perfection to perfection, after having just looked abroad into the works of her Creator, and made a few discoveries of his infinite goodness, wisdom and power, must perish at her first setting out, and in the very beginning of her inquiries?

Man, considered only in his present state, seems sent into the world merely to propagate his kind. He provides himself with a successor; and immediately quits his post to make room for him. He does not seem born to enjoy life, but to deliver it down to others. This is not surprising to consider in animals, which are formed for our use, and which can finish their business in a short life. The silk worm, after having spun her task, lays her eggs and dies. But a man cannot take in his full measure of knowledge, has not time to subdue his passions, establish his soul in virtue, and come up to the perfection of his nature, before he is hurried off the stage. Would an infinitely wise Being make such glorious creatures for so mean a purpose? Can he delight in the production of such abortive intelligences, such short-lived reasonable beings? Would he give us talents that are not to be exerted? capacities that are never to be gratified? How can we find that wisdom which shines through all his works, in the formation of man, without looking on this world as only a nursery for the next; and without believing that the several generations of rational creatures, which rise up and disappear in such quick. successions, are only to receive their first rudiments of existence here, and afterwards to be transplanted into a more friendly climate, where they may spread and flourish to all eternity.

There is not, in my opinion, a more pleasing and triumphant consideration in religion, than this of the perpetual progress, which the soul makes towards the perfection of its nature, without ever arriving at a period in it. To look upon the soul as going on from strength to strength; to consider that she is to shine for ever with new accessions of glory, and brighten to all eternity; that she will be still adding virtue to virtue, and knowledge to knowledge; carries in it something wonderfully agreeable to that ambition, which is natural to the mind of man. Nay, it must be a prospect pleasing to God himself, to see his creation for ever beautifying in his eyes; and drawing nearer to him, by greater degrees of resemblance.

Methinks this single consideration, of the progress of a finite spirit to perfection, will be sufficient to extinguish all envy in inferior natures, and all contempt in superior. That cherub, which now appears as a god to a human soul, knows very well that the period will come about in eternity, when the human soul shall be as perfect as he himself now is: nay, when she shall look down upon that degree of perfection as much as she now falls short of it. It is true, the higher nature still advances, and by that means preserves his distance and superiority in the scale of being; but he knows that, how high soever the station is of which he stands possessed at present, the inferior

nature will, at length, mount up to it; and shine forth in the same degree of glory.

With what astonishment and veneration, may we look into our own souls, where there are such hidden stores of virtue and knowledge, such inexhausted sources of perfection! We know not yet what we shall be; nor will it ever enter into the heart of man, to conceive the glory that will be always in reserve for him. The soul, considered with its Creator, is like one of those mathematical lines, that may draw nearer to another for all eternity, without a possibility of touching it: and can there be a thought so transporting, as to consider ourselves in these perpetual approaches to him, who is the standard, not only of perfection, but of happiness?

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.

WATTS.

I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day:
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food:
He formed the creatures with his word,
And then pronounced them good.

Lord! how thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn mine eye;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below But makes thy glories known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne.

Creatures (as numerous as they be)
Are subject to thy care;
There's not a place where we can flee,
But God is present there.

In heaven he shines with beams of love;With wrath in hell beneath;'Tis on his earth I stand or move,And 'tis his air I breathe.

His hand is my perpetual guard;
He keeps me with his eye;
Why should I then forget the Lord,
Who is for ever nigh.

NO LIFE PLEASING TO GOD, THAT IS NOT USEFUL TO MAN. AN EASTERN NARRATIVE.

HAWKESWORTH.

IT pleased our mighty sovereign, Abbas Carascan, from whom the kings of the earth derive honour and dominion, to set Mirza, his servant, over the province of Tauris. In the hand of Mirza, the balance of distribution was suspended with impartiality; and under his

administration the weak were protected, the learned received honour, and the diligent became rich: Mirza, therefore, was beheld by every eye with complacency, and every tongue pronounced blessings upon his head. But it was observed that he derived no joy from the benefits which he diffused; he became pensive and melancholy; he spent his leisure in solitude; in his palace he sat motionless upon a sofa; and when he went out, his walk was slow, and his eyes were fixed upon the ground: he applied to the business of state with reluctance; and resolved to relinquish the toil of government, of which he could no longer enjoy the reward.

He, therefore, obtained permission to approach the throne of our sovereign; and being asked what was his request, he made this reply: "May the Lord of the world forgive the slave whom he has honoured, if Mirza presume again to lay the bounty of Abbas at his feet. Thou hast given me the dominion of a country, fruitful as the gardens of Damascus; and a city glorious above all others, except that only which reflects the splendour of thy presence. But the longest life is a period scarcely sufficient to prepare for death. All other business is vain and trivial, as the toil of emmets in the path of the traveller, under whose foot they perish for ever: and all enjoyment is unsubstantial and evanescent as the colours of the bow that appears in the interval of a storm. Suffer me, therefore, to prepare for the approach of eternity: let me give up my soul to meditation; let solitude and silence acquaint me with the mysteries of devotion; let me forget the world, and by the world be forgotten, till

the moment arrives in which the veil of eternity shall fall, and I shall be found at the bar of the Almighty." Mirza then bowed himself to the earth, and stood silent.

By the command of Abbas it is recorded, that at these words he trembled upon the throne, at the footstool of which the world pays homage; he looked round upon his nobles; but every countenance was pale, and every eye was upon the earth. No man opened his mouth; and the king first broke silence, after it had continued near an hour.

"Mirza, terror and doubt are come upon me. I am alarmed as a man who suddenly perceives that he is near the brink of a precipice, and is urged forward by an irresistible force: but yet I know not whether my danger is a reality, or a dream. I am, as thou art, a reptile of the earth: my life is a moment, and eternity, in which days, and years, and ages, are nothing, eternity is before me, for which I also should prepare: but by whom then must the faithful be governed? By those only who have no fear of judgment; by those only whose life is brutal, because, like brutes, they do not consider that they shall die? Or who, indeed, are the faithful? Are the busy multitudes that crowd the city, in a state of perdition? and is the cell of the Dervise, alone, the the gate of paradise? To all, the life of a Dervise is not possible: to all, therefore, it cannot be a duty. Depart to the house which has in this city been prepared for thy residence: I will meditate the reason of thy request; and may He who illuminates the mind of the humble, enable me to determine with wisdom."

Mirza departed; and on the third day, having received no command, he again requested an audience, and it was granted. When he entered the royal presence, his countenance appeared more cheerful; he drew a letter from his bosom, and having kissed it, he presented it with his right hand. "My Lord!" said he, "I have learned by this letter, which I received from Cosrou the Iman, who stands now before thee, in what manner life may be best improved. I am enabled to look back with pleasure, and forward with hope; and I shall now rejoice still to be the shadow of thy power at Tauris, and to keep those honours which I so lately wished to resign." The king. who had listened to Mirza with a mixture of surprise and curiosity, immediately gave the letter to Cosrou, and commanded that it should be read. The eyes of the court were at once turned upon the hoary sage, whose countenance was suffused with an honest blush; and it was not without some hesitation that he read these words:

"To Mirza, whom the wisdom of Abbas, our mighty lord, has honoured with dominion, be perpetual health! When I heard thy purpose to withdraw the blessings of thy government from the thousands of Tauris, my heart was wounded with the arrow of affliction, and my eyes became dim with sorrow. But who shall speak before the king when he is troubled; and who shall boast of knowledge, when he is distressed by doubt? To thee will I relate the events of my youth, which thou hast renewed before me; and those truths which they taught me, may the Prophet multiply to thee!

"Under the instruction of the physician Aluzar, I ob-

tained an early knowledge of his art. To those who were smitten with disease, I could administer plants, which the sun has impregnated with the spirit of health. But the scenes of pain, languor, and mortality, which were perpetually rising before me, made me often tremble for myself. I saw the grave open at my feet: I determined, therefore, to contemplate only the regions beyond it, and to despise every acquisition which I could not keep. I conceived an opinion, that as there was no merit but in voluntary poverty, and silent meditation, those who desired money were not proper objects of bounty; and that by all who were proper objects of bounty, money was despised. I, therefore, buried mine in the earth; and renouncing society, I wandered into a wild and sequestered part of the country. My dwelling was a cave, by the side of a hill. I drank the running water from the spring, and eat such fruits and herbs as I could find. To increase the austerity of my life, I frequently watched all night, sitting at the entrance of the cave with my face to the east, resigning myself to the secret influences of the Prophet, One morning after my nocturnal vigil, just as I perceived the horizon glow at the approach of the sun, the power of sleep became irresistible, and I sunk under it. I imagined myself still sitting at the entrance of my cell; that the dawn increased; and that as I looked earnestly for the first beam of day, a dark spot appeared to intercept it. I perceived that it was in motion; it increased in size as it drew near, and at length I discovered it to be an eagle. I still kept my eye fixed steadfastly upon it, and saw it alight

at a small distance, where I now descried a fox, whose two fore-legs appeared to be broken. Before this fox the eagle laid part of a kid, which she had brought in her talons, and then disappeared. When I awaked, I laid my forehead upon the ground, and blessed the Prophet for the instruction of the morning. I reviewed my dream, and said thus to myself: Cosrou, thou hast done well to renounce the tumult, the business, and vanities of life: but thou hast as yet only done it in part; thou art still every day busied in the search of food; thy mind is not wholly at rest; neither is thy trust in Providence complete. What art thou taught in this vision? If thou hast seen an eagle commissioned by Heaven to feed a fox that is lame, shall not the hand of Heaven also supply thee with food, when that which prevents thee from procuring it for thyself, is not necessity, but devotion? I was now so confident af a miraculous supply, that I neglected to walk out for my repast, which, after the first day, I expected with an impatience that left me little power of attending to any other object. This impatience, however. I laboured to suppress, and persisted in my resolution: but my eyes at length began to fail me, and my knees smote each other; I threw myself backward, and hoped my weakness would soon increase to insensibility. But I was siddenly roused by the voice of an invisible being, who projounced these words: 'Cosrou, I am the angel, who, by the command of the Almighty, have registered the thoughts of thy heart, which I am now commissioned to reprove While thou wast attempting to become wise above that which is revealed, thy folly has

perverted the instruction which was vouchsafed thee. Art thou disabled as the fox? hast thou not rather the powers of the eagle? Arise, let the eagle be the object of thy emulation. To pain and sickness be thou again the messenger of ease and health. Virtue is not rest, but action. If thou dost good to man, as an evidence of thy love to God, thy virtue will be exalted from moral to divine; and that happiness which is the pledge of paradise, will be thy reward upon earth.

"At these words, I was not less astonished than if a mountain had been overturned at my feet. I humbled myself in the dust; I returned to the city; I dug up my treasure; I was liberal yet I became rich. My skill in restoring health to the body, gave me frequent opportunities of curing the diseases of the soul. I grew eminent beyond my merit; and it was the pleasure of the king that I should stand before him. Now, therefore, be not offended; I boast of no knowledge that I have not received. As the sands of the desert drink up the drops of rain, or the dew of the morning, so do I also, who am but dust, imbibe the instructions of the Prophet. Believe then that it is he who tells thee, all knowledge is profane, which terminates in thyself; and by a life wasted in speculation, little even of this can be gained. When the gates of paradise are thrown open before thee, thy mind shall be irradiated in a moment. Here two canst do little more than pile error upon error: there, thou shalt build truth upon truth. Wait, therefore, for the glorious vision; and in the mean time emulate the cagle. Much is in thy power; and, therefore, much is expected of thee. Though

the Almighty only can give virtue, yet as a prince, thou mayst stimulate those to beneficence, who act from no higher motive than immediate interest: thou canst not produce the principle, but mayst enforce the practice. Let thy virtue be thus diffused; and if thou believest with reverence, thou shalt be accepted above. Farewell! May the smile of Him who resides in the heaven of heavens be upon thee; and against thy name, in the volume of His will, may happiness be written!"

The king, whose doubts, like those of Mirza, were now removed, looked up with a smile that communicated the joy of his mind. He dismissed the prince to his government; and commanded these events to be recorded, to the end that posterity may know, "that no life is pleasing to God, but that which is useful to mankind."

GENIUS.

AKENSIDE.

From heaven my strains begin; from heaven descends
The flame of genius to the human breast,
And love, and beauty, and poetic joy,
And inspiration. Ere the radiant sun
Sprang from the east, or 'mid the vault of night
The moon suspended her serener lamp;
Ere mountains, woods, or streams adorn'd the globe,
Or Wisdom taught the sons of men her lore;
Then lived the Almighty One; then, deep retired,
In his unfathom'd essence, view'd the forms,
The forms eternal of created things;

The radiant sun, the moon's nocturnal lamp,
The mountains, woods, and streams, the rolling globe,
And Wisdom's mien celestial. From the first
Of days, on them his love divine he fix'd,
His admiration: till, in time complete,
What he admired and loved, his vital smile
Unfolded into being. Hence the breath
Of life informing each organic frame,
Hence the green earth, and wild resounding waves;
Hence light and shade alternate; warmth and cold,
And clear autumnal skies and vernal showers,
And all the fair variety of things.

But not alike to every mortal eye Is this great scene unveil'd. For since the claims Of social life, to different labours urge The active powers of man; with wise intent The hand of Nature on peculiar minds Imprints a different bias, and to each Decrees its province in the common toil, To some she taught the fabric of the sphere, The changeful moon, the circuit of the stars, The golden zones of heaven: to some she gave To weigh the moment of eternal things, Of time, and space, and fate's unbroken chain, And will's quick impulse; others by the hand She led o'er vales and mountains, to explore What healing virtue swells the tender veins Of herbs and flowers; or what the beams of morn Draw forth, distilling from the clifted rind In balmy tears. But some to higher hopes

Were destin'd: some within a finer mould
She wrought, and temper'd with a purer flame.
To these the Sire Omnipotent unfolds
The world's harmonious volume, there to read
The transcript of himself. On every part
They trace the bright impressions of his hand;
In earth or air, the meadows purple stores,
The moon's mild radiance, or the virgin's form,
Blooming with rosy smiles, they see pourtray'd
That uncreated beauty, which delights
The Mind Supreme. They also feel her charms,
Enamour'd; they partake the eternal joy.

PATIENCE UNDER PROVOCATIONS OUR INTEREST AS WELL AS DUTY.

BLAIR.

The wide circle of human society is diversified by an endless variety of characters, dispositions and passions. Uniformity is, in no respect, the genius of the world. Every man is marked by some peculiarity which distinguishes him from another: and no where can two individuals be found, who are exactly, and in all respects, alike. Where so much diversity obtains, it cannot but happen, that in the intercourse which men are obliged to maintain, their tempers will often be ill adjusted to that intercourse; will jar, and interfere with each other. Hence, in every station, the highest as well as the lowest, and in every condition of life, public, private, and domestic, occasions of irritation frequently arise. We are provoked, sometimes, by the folly and levity of those

with whom we are connected: sometimes by their indifference or neglect, by the incivility of a friend, the haughtiness of a superior, or the insolent behaviour of one in lower station. Hardly a day passes, without somewhat or other occurring, which serves to ruffle the man of impatient spirit. Of course, such a man lives in a continual storm. He knows not what it is to enjoy a train of good humour. Servants, neighbours, friends, spouse, and children, all, through the unrestrained violence of his temper, become sources of disturbance and vexation to him. In vain is affluence; in vain are health and prosperity. The least trifle is sufficient to discompose his mind, and poison his pleasures. His very amusements are mixed with turbulence and passion.

I would be eech this man to consider, of what small moment the provocations which he receives, or at least, imagines himself to receive, are really in themselves; but of what great moment he makes them, by suffering them to deprive him of the possession of himself. I would be seech him to consider, how many hours of happiness he throws away, which a little more patience would allow him to enjoy; and how much he puts it in the power of the most insignificant persons to render him miserable. "But who can expect," we hear him exclaim, "that he is to possess the insensibility of a stone? How is it possible for human nature to endure so many repeated provocations? or to bear calmly with so unreasonable behaviour?"-My brother! If thou canst bear with no instances of unreasonable behaviour, withdraw thyself from the world. Thou art no longer fit to live

in it. Leave the intercourse of men. Retreat to the mountain, and the desert; or shut thyself up in a cell. For here, in the midst of society, offences must come. We might as well expect, when we behold a calm atmosphere, and a clear sky, that no clouds were ever to rise, and no winds to blow, as that our life were long to proceed, without receiving provocations from human frailty. The careless and the imprudent, the giddy and the fickle, the ungrateful and the interested, every where meet us. They are the briars and thorns, with which the paths of human life are beset. He only, who can hold his course among them with patience and equanimity, he who is prepared to bear what he must expect to happen, is worthy the name of a man.

If we preserved ourselves composed but for a moment. we should perceive the insignificancy of most of those provocations which we magnify so highly. When a few suns more have rolled over our heads, the storm will. of itself, have subsided; the cause of our present impatience and disturbance will be utterly forgotten. Can we not then, anticipate this hour of calmness to ourselves; and begin to enjoy the peace which it will certainly bring? If others have behaved improperly, let us leave them to their own folly, without becoming the victim of their caprice, and punishing ourselves on their account. Patience. in this exercise of it, cannot be too much studied by all who wish their life to flow in a smooth stream. It is the reason of a man, in opposition to the passion of a child. It is the enjoyment of peace, in opposition to uproar and confusion.

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GREATNESS.

AKENSIDE.

SAY, why was man so eminently raised Amid the the vast creation? why ordain'd Thro' life and death to dart his piercing eye, With thought beyond the limit of his frame; But that the Omnipotent might send him forth, In sight of mortal and immortal powers, As on a boundless theatre, to run The great career of justice: to exalt His generous aim to all diviner deeds; To chase each partial purpose from his breast; And thro' the mists of passion and of sense, And thro' the tossing tide of chance and pain, To hold his course unfaltering, while the voice Of Truth and Virtue, up the steep ascent Of Nature, calls him to his high reward, The applauding smile of Heaven? Else wherefore burns In mortal bosoms this unquenched hope, That breathes from day to day sublimer things, And mocks possession? Wherefore darts the mind, With such resistless ardour to embrace Majestic forms, impatient to be free; Spurning the gross control of wilful might; Proud of the strong contention of her toils; Proud to be daring? Who but rather turns To Heaven's broad fire his unconstrained view, Than to the glimmering of a waxen flame?

Who that, from Alpine heights, his labouring eye Shoots round the wide horizon, to survey Nilus or Ganges rolling his bright wave Thro' mountains, plains, thro' empires black with shade, And continents of sand, will turn his gaze To mark the windings of a scanty rill That murmurs at his feet? The high-born soul Disdains to rest her heaven aspiring wing Beneath its native quarry. Tired of earth And this diurnal scene, she springs aloft Thro' fields of air; pursues the flying storm; Rides on the volley'd lightning thro' the heavens; Or, yoked with whirlwinds and the northern blast, Sweeps the long tract of day. Then high she soars The blue profound, and hovering round the sun, Beholds him pouring the redundant stream Of light; beholds his unrelenting sway Bend the reluctant planets to absolve The fated rounds of time. Thence far effused She darts her swiftness up the long career Of devious comets: thro' its burning signs Exulting measures the perennial wheel Of Nature, and looks back on all the stars, Whose blended light, as with a milky zone, Invests the orient. Now amazed she views The empyreal waste, where happy spirits hold, Beyond this concave heaven, their calm abode; And fields of radiance, whose unfading light Has travell'd the profound six thousand years, Nor yet arrives in sight of mortal things.

Even on the barriers of the world untired
She meditates the eternal depth below,
Till, half recoiling, down the headlong steep
She plunges; soon o'erwhelm'd and swallowed up
In that immense of being. There her hopes
Rest at the fatal goal: for, from the birth
Of mortal man, the sovereign Maker said,
That not in humble nor in brief delight,
Not in the fading echoes of renown,
Power's purple robes, nor Pleasure's flowery lap,
The soul should find enjoyment; but, from these
Turning disdainful to an equal good,
Thro' all the ascent of things enlarge her view,
Till every bound at length should disappear,
And infinite perfection close the scene.

GIFTS ARE NOTHING WITHOUT CHARITY.

ST. PAUL.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth

not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophecy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

TO THE SEA.

KEATE.

HAIL! thou inexhaustible source of wonder and contemplation!—Hail! thou multitudinous ocean! whose waves chase one another down like the generations of men, and after a momentary space, are immerged for ever in oblivion:—Thy fluctuating waters wash the varied shores of the world, and while they disjoin nations, whom a nearer connection would involve in eternal war, they circulate their arts, and their labours, and give health and plenty to mankind.

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How glorious! how awful are the scenes thou displayest!—Whether we view thee when every wind is hushed, —when the morning sun silvers the level line of the horizon,—or when its evening track is marked with flaming gold, and thy unrippled bosom reflects the radiance of the overarching Heavens!—Or whether we behold thee in thy terrors!—when the black tempest sweeps thy swelling billows, and the boiling surge mixes with the clouds,—when death rides the storm,—and humanity drops a fruitless tear for the toiling mariner whose heart is sinking with dismay!—

And yet, mighty deep! 'tis thy surface alone we view. Who can penetrate the secrets of thy wide domain?—What eye can visit thy immense rocks and caverns, that teem with life and vegetation?—Or search out the myriads of objects, whose beauties lie scattered over thy dread abyss?

The mind staggers at the immensity of her own conceptions,—and when she contemplates the flux and reflux of thy tides, which from the beginning of the world were never known to err, how does she shrink at the idea of that Divine Power, which originally laid the fundations so sure, and whose omnipotent voice hath fixed the limits where thy proud waves shall be stayed!

REMARKS OF MR. CLINTON IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, ON THREATS OF DISUNION AMONG THE STATES.

MR. SPEAKER—The mover of the bill has menaced us with an insurrection of the Western States. Such threats

are doubly improper—improper as they respect the persons to whom they are addressed, because we are not to be terrified from the performance of our duty by menaces of any kind, from whatever quarter they may proceed; and it is no less improper to represent our western breteren as a lawless, unprincipled banditti, who would at once release themselves from the wholesome restraints of law and order; forego the sweets of liberty; and either renounce the blessings of self-government, or like the Goths and Vandals, pour down with the irresistible force of a torrent upon the countries below, and carry havoc and desolation in their train.

A separation by a mountain, and a different outlet into the Atlantic, cannot create any natural collision between the Atlantic and western states: on the contrary, they are bound together by a community of interests, and a similarity of language and manners; by the ties of consanguinity and friendship, and a sameness of principles. There is no reflecting and well principled man in this country, who can view the severence of the states without horror; and who does not consider it as a Pandora's box which will overwhelm us with every calamity: and it has struck me with not a little astonishment, that on the agitation of almost every great political question, we should be menaced with this evil.

Last session, when a bill repealing a judiciary act was under consideration, we were told that the eastern states would withdraw themselves from the union, if it should obtain; and we are now informed, that if we do not accede to the proposition before us, the western states

will hoist the standard of revolt and dismember the empire. Sir, these threats are calculated to produce the evil they predict, and they may possibly approximate the spirit they pretend to warn us against: they are at all times unnecessary, at all times improper, at all times mischievous, and ought never to be mentioned within these walls. If there be a portion of the United States peculiarly attached to republican government and the present administration, I should select the western states as that portion.

To represent a people so republican, so enlightened, and so firm in their principles, as ready, without any adequate cause, (for no government could watch over their interests with more paternal solicitude than the present, upon the present question,) to violate their plighted faith and political integrity, to detach themselves from the government they love, and to throw themselves under the protection of nations, whose political systems are entirely repugnant to their own, requires an extent of credulity rarely equalled, certainly never surpassed.

THE THUNDER STORM.

MONTGOMERY.

Oh for evening's brownest shade;
Where the breezes play by stealth,
In the forest cintured glade,
Round the hermitage of Health:
While the noon-bright mountains blaze,
In the Sun's tormenting rays.

Oe'r the sick and sultry plains,
Through the dim delirious air,
Agonizing silence reigns;
And the wanness of despair:
Nature faints with fervent heat,
Ah! her pulse has ceased to beat!

Now in deep and dreadful gloom,
Clouds on clouds portentous spread;
Black as if the day of doom
Hung oe'r Nature's shrinking head.
Lo! the lightning breaks from high;
God is coming! God is nigh!

Hear ye not his chariot wheels,
As the mighty thunder rolls?
Nature, startled Nature, reels
From the centre to the poles.
Tremble !—Ocean, Earth, and Sky,
Tremble !—God is passing by!

Darkness, wild with horror, forms
His mysterious hiding-place;
Should He from his ark of storms,
Rend the veil, and show his face,
At the judgment of his eye,
All the universe would die.

Brighter, broader lightnings flash,
Hail and rain tempestuous fall;
Louder, deeper thunders crash,
Desolation threatens all:

Struggling Nature gasps for breath In the agony of death.

God of Vengeance! from above
While thine awful bolts are hurl'd,
Oh! remember thou art Love!
Spare! oh spare a guilty world!
Stay thy flaming wrath awhile;
See thy bow of promise smile!

Welcome, in the eastern cloud,
Messenger of Mercy still!
Now, ye winds, proclaim aloud,
"Peace on earth, to man, good will!"
Nature, God's repenting child,
See thy parent reconciled!

Hark! the nightingale, afar,
Sweetly sings the sun to rest,
And awakes the evening star
In the rosy tinted west;
While the moon's enchanting eye
Opens Paradise on high!

Clear and tranquil is the night,
Nature's sore afflictions cease;
For the storm, that spent its might,
Has a covenant of peace:
Vengeance drops her harmless rod;
MERCY is the POWER OF GOD!

ON TASTE.

MELMOTH.

THE charms of the fine arts are derived from the Author of all nature, and founded in the original frame and constitution of the human mind. Accordingly the general principles of taste are common to our whole species, and arise from that internal sense of beauty which every man, in some degree at least, evidently possesses. rational mind can be so wholly void of all perceptions of this sort, as to be capable of contemplating the various objects that surround him, with an equal coldness and indifference. There are certain forms which must necessarily fill the soul with agreeable ideas; and she is instantly determined in approbation of them, previous to all reasoning concerning their use and convenience. It is upon these general principles that what is called fine taste in the arts is founded; and consequently is by no means so precarious and unsettled an idea as you choose to describe it. The truth is, taste is nothing more than this universal sense of beauty, rendered more exquisite by genius, and more correct by cultivation: and it is from the simple and original ideas of this sort, that the mind learns to form her judgement of the higher and more complex kinds. Accordingly, the whole imitative and oratorical art is governed by the same general rules of criticism; and to prove the certainty of these with respect to one of them, is to establish their validity with regard to all rest. I will therefore consider the criterion of taste, in relation only to fine writing.

Each species of composition has its distinct perfection; and it would require a particular examination of the characters of each, to prove their respective beauties to be derived from truth and nature, and consequently reducible to a regular and precise standard. I will only mention, therefore, those general properties which are essential to them all, and without which they must necessarily be defective in their several kinds. These, I think, may be comprehended under uniformity in their design, variety and resemblance in the metaphors and similitudes, together with propriety and harmony in the diction. Now some or all of these qualities constantly attend our ideas of beauty, and necessarily raise that agreeable perception of the mind in what object soever they appear. The charms of fine composition, then, are so far from existing only in the heated imagination of an enthusiastic admirer, that they result from the constitution of nature herself. And perhaps the principles of criticism are as certain and indisputable, even as those of the mathematics. Thus, for instance, that order is preferable to confusion, that harmony is more pleasing than dissonance, with some few other axioms upon which the science is built, are truths which strike at once upon the mind with the same force of conviction, as that the whole is greater than any of its parts, or, that if from equals you take away equals, the remainder will be equal. And in both cases, the propositions which rest upon these

plain and obvious maxims, seem equally capable of the same evidence of demonstration.

But as every intellectual, as well as animal faculty, is improved and strengthened by exercise, the more the soul exerts this her internal sense of beauty upon any particular object, the more she will enlarge and refine her relish of that peculiar species. For this reason the works of those great masters, whose performances have long and generally been admired, supply a farther criterion of fine taste, equally fixed and certain as that which is derived from Nature herself. The truth is, fine writing is only the art of raising agreeable sensations of the intellectual kind: and therefore, as by examining those original forms which are adapted to awaken this perception in the mind, we learn what those qualities are which constitute beauty in general; so by observing the peculiar construction of those compositions of genius which have always pleased, we perfect our idea of fine writing in particular. It is this united approbation, in persons of different ages, and of various characters and languages, that Longinus has made the test of the true sublime; and he might with equal justice have extended the same criterion to all the inferior excellencies of elegant composition. Thus the deference paid to the performances of the great masters of antiquity, is fixed upon just and solid reasons; it is not because Aristotle and Horace have given us the rules of criticism that we submit to their authority: it is because those rules are derived from works that have been distinguished by the uninterrupted admiration of all the more improved part of mankind,

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from their earliest appearance down to this present hour. For whatever, through a long series of ages, has been universally esteemed beautiful, cannot but be conformable to our just and natural ideas of beauty.

THE VOICE OF THE SEASONS.

ALISON.

THERE is, in the revolution of time, a kind of warning voice, which summons us to thought and reflection; and every season, as it arises, speaks to us of the analagous character which we ought to maintain. From the first openings of the spring, to the last desolation of winter, the days of the year are emblematic of the state and of the duties of man; and, whatever may be the period of our journey, we can scarcely look up into the heavens, and mark the path of the sun, without feeling either something to animate us upon our course, or to reprove us for our delay.

When the spring appears, when the earth is covered with its tender green, and the song of happiness is heard in every shade, it is a call to us to religious hope and joy. Over the infant year the breath of heaven seems to blow with paternal softness, and the heart of man willingly partakes in the joyfulness of awakened nature.

When summer reigns, and every element is filled with life, and the sun, like a giant, pursues his course through the firmament above, it is the season of adoration. We see there, as it were, the majesty of the present God; and, wherever we direct our eye, the glory of the Lord

seems to cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

When autumn comes, and the annual miracle of nature is completed, it is the appropriate season of thankfulness and praise. The heart bends with instinctive gratitude before Him, whose benevolence neither slumbers nor sleeps, and who, from the throne of glory, yet remembereth the things that are in heaven and earth.

The season of winter has also similar instructions. To the thoughtful and the feeling mind, it comes not without a blessing upon its wings; and perhaps the noblest lessons of religion are to be learned amid its clouds and storms.

ON VIRTUE.

POPE.

Know then this truth, (enough for man to know) "Virtue alone is Happiness below,"

The only point where human bliss stands still,
And tastes the good without the fall to ill;
Where only Merit constant pay receives,
Is blest in what it takes, and what it gives;
The joy unequal'd if its end it gain,
And if it lose, attended with no pain:
Without satiety, though e'er so bless'd,
And but more relish'd as the more distress'd:
The broadest mirth unfeeling Folly wears,
Less pleasing far than Virtue's very tears:
Good, from each object, from each place acquired,
For ever exercised, yet never tired;

Never elated, while one man's oppressed; Never dejected, while another's blessed; And where no wants, no wishes can remain, Since but to wish more Virtue, is to gain.

See the sole bliss Heaven could on all bestow!

Which who but feels can taste, but thinks can know:
Yet poor with fortune, and with learning blind,
The bad must miss; the good, untaught, will find;
Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,
But looks through Nature, up to Nature's God;
Pursues that chain, which links the immense design,
Joins heaven and earth, and mortal and divine;
Sees that no Being any bliss can know,
But touches some above, and some below;
Learns from this union of the rising Whole,
The first, last purpose of the human soul;
And knows where Faith, Law, Morals, all began,
All end, in Love of God, and Love of Man.

For him alone, hope leads from goal to goal,
And opens still, and opens on his soul:
Till lengthen'd on to Faith, and unconfined,
It pours the bliss that fills up all the mind.
He sees, why Nature plants in man alone,
Hope of known bliss, and Faith in bliss unknown;
(Nature, whose dictates to no other kind
Are given in vain, but what they seek they find,)
Wise is her present; she connects in this
His greatest Virtue with his greatest Bliss;
At once his own bright prospect to be blest,
And strongest motive to assist the rest.

Self-love thus pushed to social, to divine,
Gives thee to make thy neighbour's blessing thine.
Is this too little for thy boundless heart?
Extend it, let thy enemies have part:
Grasp the whole world of Reason, Life, and Sense,
In one close system of Benevolence;
Happier as kinder, in whate'er degree,
And height of Bliss but height of Charity.

God loves from Whole to Parts: but human soul Must rise from Individual to the Whole,
Self-love but serves the virtuous mind to wake,
As the small pebble stirs the peaceful lake;
The centre moved, a circle strait succeeds,
Another still, and still another spreads;
Friend, parent, neighbour, first it will embrace;
His country next; and next all human race;
Wide and more wide, the o'erflowings of the mind
Take every creature in, of every kind;
Earth smiles around, with boundless bounty blest,
And Heaven beholds its image in his breast.

SPEECH OF MR. WILBERFORCE ON THE SLAVE TRADE.

SIR-

Would you be acquainted with the character of the Slave Trade—look to the continent of Africa, and there you will behold such a scene of horrors as no tongue can express, no imagination can represent to itself. One mode adopted by the petty chieftains of that country to supply our traders with slaves is, that of committing de-

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predations upon each other's territories: This circumstance gives a peculiar character to the wars in Africa. They are predatory expeditions, of which the chief object is the acquisition of slaves.

But this, sir, is the lightest of the evils Africa suffers from the Slave Trade. Still more intolerable are those acts of outrage which we are continually stimulating the kings to commit on their own subjects. Instead of the guardians and protectors, those kings have been made, through our intsrumentality, the despoilers and ravagers of their people.

A chieftain is in want of European commodities. He sends a party of soldiers by night to one of his own defenceless villages. They set fire to it; they seize the miserable inhabitants as they are flying from the flames, and hurry with them to the ships of the Christian traders, who, hovering like vultures over these scenes of carnage, are ever ready for their prey.

Nor is it only by the chieftains that these disorders are committed; every one's hand is against his neighbour. Whithersoever a man goes, be it to the watering-place, or to the field, he is not safe. He never can quit his house without fear of being carried off by fraud or force; and he dreads to come home again, lest on his return, he should find his hut a heap of ruins, and his family torn away into perpetual exile. Distrust and terror every where prevail, and the whole country is one continued scene of anarchy and desolation.

But this is not all. No means of procuring slaves, is left untouched. Even the administration of justice

itself is made a fertile source of supply to this inhuman traffic. Every crime is punished by slavery; and false accusations are continually brought, in order to obtain the price for which the criminal is sold. Sometimes the judges have a considerable part of this very price. Every man, therefore, is stimulated to bring an action against his neighbour.

But these evils, terrible as they are, do not equal those which are endured on board ship, or in what is commonly called the middle passage. The mortality during this period is excessive. The slaves labour under a fixed dejection and melancholy, interrupted now and then by lamentations and plaintive songs, expressive of their concern for their relations, and friends, and native country.

Many attempt to drown themselves; others obstinately refuse to take sustenance; and when the whip and other violent means have been used to compel them to eat, they have sometimes looked up in the face of the officer who executed his task, and consoled themselves by saying, in their own language, "presently we shall be no more."

O, Sir! are not these things too bad to be any longer endured? I cannot but persuade myself that whatever difference of opinion there may have been, we shall be this night at length unanimous. I cannot believe that a British House of Commons will give its sanction to the continuance of this inhuman traffic. Never was there, indeed, a system so big with wickedness and cruelty. To whatever part of it you direct your view, the eye finds no relief.

It is the gracious ordinance of Providence, both in the natural and moral world, that good should often arise out of evil. Hurricanes clear the air, and persecution promotes the propagation of the truth. Pride, vanity, and profusion, in their remoter consequences contribute often to the happiness of mankind. Even those classes of men that may seem most noxious have some virtues. The Arab is hospitable. The robber is brave. We do not necessarily find cruelty associated with fraud, nor meanness with injustice.

But here it is otherwise. It is the prerogative of this detested traffic, to separate from evil its concomitant good, and reconcile discordant mischiefs; it robs war of its generosity; it deprives peace of its security. You have the vices of polished society without its knowledge or its comforts; and the evils of barbarism without its simplicity.

No age, sex or rank is exempt from the influence of this wide-wasting calamity. It attains to the fullest measure of pure, unmixed wickedness; and scorning all competition or comparison, it stands in the undisputed possession of its detestable pre-eminence.

EXTRACT FROM A SPEECH OF MR. CURRAN, IN BEHALF OF ARCHIBALD HAMILTON ROWAN, ESQ. FOR A LIBEL, IN THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH, IRELAND.

This paper, gentlemen, insists upon the necessity of emancipating the Catholics of Ireland, and that is charged as part of the libel. If they had waited another year, if they had kept this prosecution impending

for another year, how much would remain for a jury to decide upon, I should be at a loss to discover. It seems as if the progress of public reformation was eating away the ground of the prosecution. Since the commencement of the prosecution, this part of the libel has unluckily received the sanction of the legislature. In that interval our catholic brethren have obtained that admission, which it seems it was a libel to propose; in what way to account for this, I am really at a loss.

Have any alarms been occasioned by the emancipation of our catholic brethren? Has the bigoted malignity of any individuals been crushed? Or has the stability of the government, or that of the country, been weakened? Or is one million of subjects stronger than four millions? Do you think that the benefit they received should be poisoned by the sting of vengeance? If you think so, you must say to them, "you have demanded emancipation, and you have got it; but we abhor your persons, we are outraged at your success; and we will stigmatize by a criminal prosecution the relief which you have obtained from the voice of your country."

I ask you, gentlemen, do you think, as honest men, anxious for the public tranquility, conscious that there are wounds not yet completely cicatrized, that you ought to speak this language at this time, to men who are too much disposed to think that in this very emancipation they have been saved from their own Parliament by the humanity of their sovereign? Or do you wish to prepare them for the revocation of these improvident concessions? Do you think it wise or humane at this

moment to insult them, by sticking up in the pillory, the man who dared to stand forth their advocate? I put it to your oaths, do you think that a blessing of that kind, that a victory obtained by justice over bigotry and oppression, should have a stigma cast upon it by an ignominious sentence upon men bold and honest enough to propose that measure?

To propose the redeeming of religion from the abuses of the church, the reclaiming of three millions of men from bondage, and giving liberty to all who had a right to demand it; giving, I say, in the so much censured words of this paper, giving "Universal Emancipation!" I speak in the spirit of the British law, which makes liberty commensurate with, and inseperable from, British soil; which proclaims even to the stranger and the sojourner, the moment that he sets his foot upon British earth, that the ground upon which he treads is holy, and consecrated by the genius of "Universal Emancipation."

No matter in what language his doom may have been pronounced;—no matter what complexion incompatible with freedom, an Indian or an African sun may have burnt upon him—no matter in what disastrous battle his liberty may have been cloven down;—no matter with what solemnities he may have been devoted upon the altar of slavery; the first moment he touches the sacred soil of Britain, the altar and the god sink together in the dust; his soul walks abroad in her own majesty; his body swells beyond the measure of his chains, that burst from

around him, and he stands redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled, by the irresistible genius of "UNIVERSAL EMANCIPATION."

INDUSTRY NECESSARY TO THE ATTAINMENT OF ELOQUENCE.

WARE.

The history of the world is full of testimony to prove how much depends upon industry; not an eminent orator has lived but is an example of it. Yet, in contradiction to all this, the almost universal feeling appears to be, that industry can effect nothing, that eminence is the result of accident, and that every one must be content to remain just what he may happen to be. Thus multitudes, who come forward as teachers and guides, suffer themselves to be satisfied with the most indifferent attainments, and a miserable mediocrity, without so much as inquiring how they may rise higher, much less making any attempt to rise.

For any other art they would have served an apprenticeship, and would be ashamed to practice it in public before they had learned it. If any one would sing, he attends a master, and is drilled in the very elementary principles; and only after the most laborious process, lares to exercise his voice in public. This he does, though he has scarce any thing to learn but the mechanical execution of what lies in sensible forms before the ye. But the extempore speaker, who is to invent as well as to utter, to carry on an operation of the mind

as well as to produce sound, enters upon the work without preparatory discipline, and then wonders that he fails!

If he were learing to play on the flute for public exhibition, what hours and days would he spend in giving facility to his fingers, and attaining the power of the sweetest and most expressive execution! If he were devoting himself to the organ, what months and years would he labour, that he might know its compass, and be master of its keys, and be able to draw out, at will, all its various combinations of harmonious sound, and its full richness and delicacy of expression! And yet he will fancy that the grandest, the most various and most expressive of all instruments, which the infinite Creator has fashioned by the union of an intellectual soul with the powers of speech, may be played upon without study or practice; he comes to it a mere uninstructed tyro, and thinks to manage all its stops, and command the whole compass of its varied and comprehensive power! He finds himself a bungler in the attempt, is mortified at his failure, and settles it in his mind forever, that the attempt is vain.

Success in every art, whatever may be the natural talent, is always the reward of industry and pains. But the instances are many, of men of the finest natural genius, whose beginning has promised much, but who have degenerated wretchedly as they advanced, because they trusted to their gifts, and made no efforts to improve. That there have never been other men of equal endowments with Demosthenes and Cicero, none would

venture to suppose; but who have so devoted themselves to their art, or become equal in excellence? If those great men had been content, like others, to continue as they began, and had never made their persevering efforts for improvement, what would their countries have benefitted from their genius, or the world have known of their fame? They would have been lost in the undistinguished crowd that sunk to oblivion around them.

Of how many more will the same remark prove true! What encouragement is thus given to the industrious! With such encouragement, how inexcusable is the negligence, which suffers the most interesting and important truths to seem heavy and dull, and fall ineffectual to the ground, through mere sluggishness in their delivery! How unworthy of one who performs the high functions of a religious instructor, upon whom depend, in a great measure, the religious knowledge, and devotional sentiments, and final character, of many fellow beings-to imagine, that he can worthily discharge this great concern, by occasionally talking for an hour, he knows not how, and in a manner which he has taken no pains to render correct, impressive, and attractive; and which, simply through want of that command over himself which study would give, is immethodical, verbose, innacurate, feeble, trifling.

It has been said of the good preacher, that "truths divine come mended from his tongue." Alas! they come ruined and worthless from such a man as this. They lose that holy energy, by which they are to convert the soul and purify man for heaven, and sink, in in-

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terest and efficacy, below the level of those principles, which govern the ordinary affairs of this lower world.

EXECUTION OF THE EARL OF ARGYLE.

FOX.

On the 30th of June, 1685, the Earl of Argyle was brought from the castle, first to the Laigh Council House, and thence to the place of execution. Before he left the Castle, he had his dinner at the usual hour, at which he discoursed, not only calmly, but even cheerfully, with Mr. Chateris and others. After dinner he retired, as was his custom, to his bed chamber, where, it is recorded, he slept quitetly for about a quarter of an hour. While he was in bed, one of the members of the council came, and intimated to the attendants, a desire to speak with him-upon being told that the earl was asleep, and had left orders not to be disturbed, the manager disbelieved the account, which he considered as a device to avoid further questionings. To satisfy him, the door of the bed chamber was half opened, and then he beheld, enjoying a sweet and tranquil slumber, the man who by the doom of him and his fellows, was to die within the short space of two hours!

Struck with the sight, he hurried out of the room, quitted the castle with the utmost precipitation, and hid himself in the lodgings of an acquaintance who lived near, where he threw himself upon the first bed that presented itself, and had every appearance of a man suffering the most excruciating torture. His friend, who

was apprised of the state he was in, and who naturally concluded he was ill, offered him some wine. He refused, saying, "no, no, that will not help me; I have been to Argyle, and saw him sleeping as pleasantly as ever man did, within one hour of Eternity, but as for me ———."

The name of the person to whom this anecdote relates is not mentioned, and the truth of it may therefore be fairly considered as liable to that degree of doubt with which men of judgment receive every species of traditional history. Woodrow, however, whose veracity is above suspicion, says he had it from the most unquestionable authority. It is not in itself unlikely, and who is there who would not wish it true? What a satisfactory spectacle to a philosophical mind, to see the oppressor in the zenith of his power, envying his victim! What an acknowledgment of the superiority of virtue! What an affecting and forcible testimony of the value of that peace of mind, which Innocence alone can confer!

We know not who this man was, but when we reflect that the guilt which agonized him, was probably incurred for some vain title, or at least for some increase of wealth which he did not want, and possibly knew not how to enjoy, our disgust is turned into something like compassion, for that very foolish class of men, whom the world calls wise in their generation.

Soon after this short repose, Argyle was brought, according to order, to the Laigh Council House, from which place is dated the letter to his wife, and from thence to the place of execution. On the scaffold he had some discourse, as well with Mr. Annand, a minister appointed

by government to attend him, as with Mr. Chateris. He desired both of them to pray for him, and prayed himself with much fervour and devotion.

The speech which he made to the people, was such as might be expected from the passage already related. The same mixture of firmness and mildness is conspicuous in every part of it. "We ought not," said he, "to despise our afflictions, nor to faint under them. We should not suffer ourselves to be exasperated against the instruments of our troubles, nor by fraudulent or pusillanimous compliance, bring guilt upon ourselves—faint hearts are usually false hearts, choosing sin rather than suffering."

He offers his prayers for the three Kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and that an end may be put to their present trials. Having then asked pardon for his own faults, both of God and man, he would have concluded, but being reminded that he had said nothing of the Royal Family, he adds, that he refers, in this matter, to what he had said at his trial concerning the test: that he prayed there never might be wanting one of the Royal Family to support the Protestant Religion: and if any of them had swerved from the true faith, he prayed God to turn their hearts: but at any rate to save his people from their machinations.

When he had ended, he turned to the south side of the scaffold and said, "Gentlemen, I pray you, do not misconstruct my behaviour this day—I freely forgive all men their wrongs and injuries done against me, as I desire to be forgiven of God." He then embraced his

friends, gave some tokens of his remembrance to his sonin-law, Lord Maitland, for his daughter and granchildren, stript himself of part of his apparel, of which he likewise made presents, and laid his head upon the block. Having uttered a short prayer, he gave the signal to the executioner, which was instantly obeyed, and his head severed from his body.

Such were the last hours, and such the final close of this great man's life. May the like happy serenity, in such dreadful circumstances, and a death equally glorious, be the lot of all, whom tyranny of whatever description or denomination, shall, in any age, or in any country, call to expiate their virtues on the scaffold!

FALLS OF NIAGARA.

HOWISON.

The form of Niagara Falls is that of an irregular semi-circle, about three quarters of a mile in extent. This is divided into two distinct cascades by the intervention of Goat Island, the extremity of which is perpendicular, and in a line with the precipice, over which the water is projected. The cataract on the Canada side of the river is called the Horseshoe, or Great Fall, from its peculiar form; and that next the United States, the American Fall.

Three extensive views of the Falls may be obtained from three different places. In general, the first opportunity travellers have of seeing the cataract is from the high road, which, at one point, lies near the bank of the

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river. This place, however, being considerably above the level of the Falls, and a good way beyond them, affords a view that is comparatively imperfect and unimposing.

The Table Rock, from which the Falls of the Niagara may be contemplated in all their grandeur, lies on an exact level with the edge of the cataract on the Canada side, and indeed forms a part of the precipice, over which the water rushes. It derives its name from the circumstance of its projecting beyond the cliffs that support it, like the leaf of a table. To gain this position, it is necessary to descend a steep bank, and to follow a path that winds among shrubbery and trees, which entirely conceal from the eye the scene that awaits him who traverses it.

When near the termination of this road, a few steps carried me beyond all these obstructions, and a magnificent amphitheatre of cataracts burst upon my view with appalling suddenness and majesty. However, in a moment, the scene was concealed from my eyes by a dense cloud of spray, which involved me so completely, that I did not dare to extricate myself.

A mingled and thundering rushing filled my ears. I could see nothing, except when the wind made a chasm in the spray, and then tremendous cataracts seemed to encompass me on every side; while, below a raging and foaming gulf of undiscoverable extent, lashed the rocks with its hissing waves, and swallowed, under a horrible obscurity, the smoking floods that were precipitated into its bosom.

At first the sky was obscured by clouds, but after a few minutes, the sun burst forth, and the breeze, subsiding at the same time, permitted the spray to ascend perpendicularly. A host of pyramidal clouds rose majestically, one after another, from the abyss at the bottom of the Fall; and each, when it had ascended a little above the edge of the cataract, displayed a beautiful rainbow, which, in a few moments, was gradually transferred into to the bosom of the cloud that immediately succeeded.

The spray of the Great Fall had extended itself through a wide space directly over me, and receiving the full influence of the sun, exhibited a luminous and magnificent rainbow, which continued to overarch and irradiate the spot on which I stood, while I enthusiastically contemplated the indescribable scene.

Any person, who has nerve enough, may plunge his hand into the water of the Great Fall, after it is projected over the precipice, merely by lying down flat, with his face beyond the edge of the Table Rock, and stretching out his arm to its utmost extent. The experiment is truly a horrible one, and such as I would not wish to repeat; for, even to this day, I feel a shuddering and recoiling sensation when I recollect having been in the posture above described.

The body of water which composes the middle part of the Great Fall, is so immense, that it descends nearly two-thirds of the space without being ruffled or broken; and the solemn calmness, with which it rolls over the edge of the precipice, is finely contrasted with the perturbed appearance it assumes after having reached the gulf below. But the water, towards each side of the Fall, is shattered the moment it drops over the rock, and loses, as it descends, in a great measure, the character of a fluid, being divided into pyramidal-shaped fragments, the bases of which are turned upwards.

The surface of the gulf, below the cataract, presents a very singular aspect; seeming, as it were, filled with an immense quantity of hoar frost, which is agitated by small and rapid undulations. The particles of water are dazzlingly white, and do not apparently unite together, as might be supposed, but seem to continue for a time in a state of distinct comminution, and to repel each other with a thrilling and shivering motion, which cannot easily be described.

The road to the bottom of the Fall presents many more difficulties than that which leads to the Table Rock. After leaving the Table Rock, the traveller must proceed down the river nearly half a mile, where he will come to a small chasm in the bank, in which there is a spiral staircase enclosed in a wooden building. By descending the stair, which is seventy or eighty feet perpendicular height, he will find himself under the precipice, on the top of which he formerly walked. A high, but sloping bank, extends from its base to the edge of the river; and, on the summit of this, there is a narow, slippery path, covered with angular fragments of rock, which leads to the Great Fall.

The impending cliffs, hung with a profusion of trees and brushwood, overarch this road, and seem to vibrate with the thunders of the cataract. In some places they rise abruptly to the height of one hundred feet, and display upon their surfaces, fossil shells, and the organic remains of a former world; thus sublimely leading the mind to contemplate the convulsions which nature has undergone since the creation.

As the traveller advances, he is frightfully stunned by the appalling noise; clouds of spray sometimes envelope him, and suddenly check his faltering steps; rattlesnakes start from the cavities of the rocks; and the scream of eagles, soaring among the whirlwinds of eddying vapour, which obscure the gulf of the cataract, at intervals announces that the raging waters have hurled some bewildered animal over the precipice. After scrambling among piles of hugh rocks that obstruct his way, the traveller gains the bottom of the Fall, where the soul can be susceptible only of one emotion,—that of uncontrollable terror.

It was not until I had, by frequent excursions to the Falls, in some measure familiarized my mind with their sublimities, that I ventured to explore the recesses of the Great Cataract. The precipice over which it rolls is very much arched underneath, while the impetus which the water receives in its descent, projects it far beyond the cliff, and thus an immense Gothic arch is formed by the rock and the torrent. Twice I entered this cavern, and twice I was obliged to retrace my steps, lest I should be suffocated by the blast of dense spray that whirled around me; however, the third time, I succeded in advancing about twenty-five yards.

Here darkness began to encircle me. On one side, the

black cliff stretched itself into a gigantic arch far above my head, and on the other, the dense and hissing torrent formed an impenetrable sheet of foam, with which I was drenched in a moment. The rocks were so slippery, that I could hardly keep my feet, or hold securely by them; while the horrid din made me think the precipices above were tumbling down in colossal fragments upon my head.

A little way below the great Fall, the river is, comparatively speaking, so tranquil, that a ferry-boat plies between the Canada and American shores, for the convenience of travellers. When I first crossed, the heaving flood tossed about the skiff with a violence that seemed very alarming; but as soon as we gained the middle of the river, my attention was altogether engaged by the surpassing grandeur of the scene before me.

I was now within the area of a semi-circle of cataracts more than three thousand feet in extent, and floated on the surface of a gulf, raging, fathomless, and interminable. Majestic cliffs, splendid rainbows, lofty trees, and columns of spray, were the gorgeous decorations of this theatre of wonders; while a dazzling sun shed refulgent glories upon every part of the scene.—Surrounded with clouds of vapour, and stunned into a state of confusion and terror by the hideous noise, I looked upwards to the height of one hundred and fifty feet, and saw vast floods, dense, awful, and stupendous, vehemently bursting over the precipice, and rolling down as if the windows of heaven were opened to pour another deluge upon the earth.

Loud sounds, resembling discharges of artillery or volcanic explosions, were now distinguishable amidst the

watery tumult, and added terrors to the abyss from which they issued. The sun, looking majestically through the ascending spray, was encircled by a radiant halo; while fragments of rainbows floated on every side, and momentarily vanished, only to give place to a succession of others more brilliant.

Looking backwards, I saw the Niagara River again become calm and tranquil, rolling magnificently between the towering cliffs, that rose on either side. A gentle breeze ruffled the waters, and beautiful birds fluttered around, as if to welcome its egress from those clouds, and thunders, and rainbows, which were the heralds of its precipitation into the abyss of the cataract.

NIAGARA FALLS.

JOSE MARIA HEREDIA.

TREMENDOUS torrent! for an instant hush
The terrors of thy voice, and cast aside
Those wide-involving shadows, that my eyes
May see the fearful beauty of thy face!
I am not all unworthy of thy sight;
For, from my very boyhood, have I loved,—
Shunning the meaner track of common minds,—
To look on nature in her loftier moods.
At the fierce rushing of the hurricane,
At the near bursting of the thunderbolt,
I have been touched with joy; and, when the sea,
Lashed by the wind, hath rocked my bark, and showed
Its yawning caves beneath me, I have loved

Its dangers and the wrath of elements.

But never yet the madness of the sea

Hath moved me as thy grandeur moves me now.

Thou flowest on in quiet, till thy waves
Grow broken 'midst the rocks; thy current then
Shoots onward, like the irresistible course
Of destiny. Ah! terribly they rage—
The hoarse and rapid whirlpools there! My brain
Grows wild, my senses wander, as I gaze
Upon the hurrying waters, and my sight
Vainly would follow, as toward the verge
Sweeps the wide torrent—waves innumerable
Meet there and madden—waves innumerable
Urge on and overtake the waves before,
And disappear in thunder and in foam.

They reach—they leap the barrier; the abyss Swallows, insatiable, the sinking waves.

A thousand rainbows arch them, and the woods Are deafened with the roar. The violent shock Shatters to vapour the descending sheets:

A cloudy whirlwind fills the gulf, and heaves The mighty pyramid of circling mist To heaven, The solitary hunter, near, Pauses with terror in the forest shades.

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God of all truth! in other lands I've seen Lying philosophers blaspheming men, Questioners of thy mysteries, that draw Their fellows deep into impiety; And therefore doth my spirit seek thy face In earth's majestic solitudes. Even here My heart doth open all itself to thee. In this immensity of loneliness I feel thy hand upon me. To my ear The eternal thunder of the cataract brings Thy voice, and I am humbled as I hear.

Dread torrent! that with wonder and with fear
Dost overwhelm the soul of him that looks
Upon thee, and dost bear it from itself,
Whence hast thou thy beginning? who supplies,
Age after age, thy unexhausted springs?
What power hath ordered, that, when all thy weight
Descends into the deep, the swollen waves
Rise not, and roll to overwhelm the earth?

The Lord hath opened his omnipotent hand,
Covered thy face with clouds, and given his voice
To thy down-rushing waters; he hath girt
Thy terrible forehead with his radiant bow.
I see thy never-resting waters run,
And I bethink me how the tide of time
Sweeps to eternity. So pass of man,—
Pass, like a noon-day dream,—the blossoming days,
And he awakes to sorrow. * * * * *

Hear, dread Niagara! my latest voice.
Yet a few years, and the cold earth shall close
Over the bones of him who sings the now
Thus feelingly. Would that this, my humble verse,
Might be, like thee, immortal. I, meanwhile,
Cheerfully passing to the appointed rest,

Might raise my radiant forehead in the clouds To listen to the echoes of my fame.

PASSAGE OF THE POTOMAC AND SHENANDOAH RIVERS
THROUGH THE BLUE RIDGE.

JEFFERSON.

THE passage of the Potomac through the Blue Ridge, is, perhaps, one of the most stupendous scenes in nature. You stand on a very high point of land. On your right comes up the Shenandoah, having ranged along the foot of the mountain a hundred miles, to seek a vent. On your left approaches the Potomac in quest of a passage also. In the moment of their junction they rush together against the mountain, rend it asunder, and pass off to the sea.

The first glance of this scene hurries our senses into the opinion, that this earth has been created in time; that the mountains were formed first; that the rivers began to flow afterwards; that, in this place particularly, they have been dammed up by the Blue Ridge of mountains, and have formed an ocean, which filled the whole valley; that, continuing to rise, they have, at length, broken over at this spot, and have torn the mountain down, from its summit to its base. The piles of rock on each hand, but particularly on the Shenandoah, the evident marks of their disrupture and avulsion from their beds, by the most powerful agents of nature, corroborate this impression.

But the distant finishing, which nature has given to the

picture, is of a very different character. It is a true contrast to the fore-ground. That is as placid and delightful, as this is wild and tremendous. For the mountain, being cloven asunder, presents to your eye, through the cleft, a small catch of smooth blue horizon, at an infinite distance in the plain country, inviting you, as it were, from the riot and tumult roaring around, to pass through the breach and participate of the calm below.

Here the eye ultimately composes itself; and that way, too, the road happens actually to lead. You cross the Potomac above the junction, pass along its side through the base of the mountain, for three miles; its terrible precipices hanging in fragments over you. This scene is worth a voyage across the Atlantic. Yet here, as in the neighbourhood of the Natural Bridge, are people, who have passed their lives within half a dozen miles, and have never been to survey these monuments of a war between rivers and mountains, which must have shaken the earth itself to its centre.

CONTEMPLATION.

THOMSON.

As yet 'tis midnight deep. The weary clouds, Slow-meeting, mingle into solid gloom.

Now, while the drowsy world lies lost in sleep,
Let me associate with the serious Night
And Contemplation her sedate compeer;
Let me shake off the intrusive cares of day,
And lay the meddling senses all aside.

Where now, ye lying vanities of life?
Ye ever tempting, ever cheating train!
Where are you now? and what is your amount?
Vexation, disappointment, and remorse.
Sad, sickening thought! And yet deluded Man,
A scene of crude disjointed visions past,
And broken slumbers, rises still resolv'd,
With new-flush'd hopes, to run the giddy round.
Father of Light and Life! thou Good Supreme!
O teach me what is good! teach me Thyself!
Save me from folly, vanity, and vice,
From every low pursuit! and feed my soul
With knowledge, conscious peace, and virtue pure;
Sacred, substantial, never-failing bliss!

PARALLEL BETWEEN POPE AND DRYDEN

JOHNSON.

Pope professed to have learned his poetry from Dryden, whom, whenever an opportunity was presented, he praised through his whole life with unvaried liberality; and perhaps his character may receive some illustration, if he be compared with his master.

Integrity of undertanding, and nicety of discernment, were not allotted in a less proportion to Dryden than to Pope. The rectitude of Dryden's mind was sufficiently shown by the dismission of his poetical prejudices, and the rejection of unnatural thoughts and rugged numbers. But Dryden never desired to apply all the judgment that he had. He wrote, and professed to write, merely for

the people; and when he pleased others, he contented himself. He spent no time in struggles to rouse latent powers: he never attempted to make that better which was already good, nor often to mend what he must have known to be faulty. He wrote, as he tells us, with very little consideration: when occasion or necessity called upon him, he poured out what the present moment happened to supply, and, when once it had passed the press, ejected it from his mind; for, when he had no pecuniary interest, he had no further solicitude.

Pope was not content to satisfy; he desired to excel, and therefore always endeavoured to do his best: he did not court the candour, but dared the judgment of his reader, and, expecting no indulgence from others, he showed none to himself. He examined lines and words with minute and punctilious observation, and retouched every part with indefatigable diligence, till he had left nothing to be forgiven.

For this reason he kept his pieces very long in his hands, while he considered and reconsidered them. The only poems which can be supposed to have been written with such regard to the times as might hasten their publication, were the two satires of Thirty-eight: of which Dodsley told me, that they were brought to him by the author, that they might be fairly copied. "Every line," said he, "was then written twice over; I gave him a clean transcript, which he sent sometime afterwards to me for the press, with every line written twice over a second time."

His declaration, that his care for his works ceased at

their publication, was not strictly true. His parental attention never abandoned them: what he found amiss in the first edition, he silently corrected in those that followed. He appears to have revised the *Iliad*, and freed it from some of its imperfections; and the *Essay on Criticism* received many improvements after its first appearance. It will seldom be found that he altered without adding clearness, elegance, or vigour. Pope had, perhaps, the judgment of Dryden; but Dryden certainly wanted the diligence of Pope.

In acquired knowledge, the superiority must be allowed to Dryden, whose education was more scholastic, and who, before he became an author, had been allowed more time for study, with better means of information. His mind has a larger range, and he collects his images and illustrations from a more extensive circumference of science. Dryden knew more of man in his general nature, and Pope in his local manners. The notions of Dryden were formed by comprehensive speculation, and those of Pope by minute attention. There is more dignity in the knowledge of Dryden, and more certainty in that of Pope.

Poetry was not the sole praise of either; for both excelled likewise in prose; but Pope did not borrow his prose from his predecessor. The style of Dryden is capricious and varied; that of Pope is cautious and uniform. Dryden obeys the motions of his own mind; Pope constrains his mind to his own rules of composition. Dryden is sometimes vehement and rapid; Pope is always smooth, uniform, and gentle. Dryden's page is a natural field, rising into inequalities, and diversified by

the varied exuberance of abundant vegetation; Pope is a velvet lawn, shaven by the sithe, and levelled by the roller.

Of genius, that power which constitutes a poet; that quality without which judgment is cold, and knowledge is inert; that energy which collects, combines, amplifies, and animates; the superiority must, with some hesitation, be allowed to Dryden. It is not to be inferred. that of this poetical vigour Pope had only a little, because Dryden had more; for every other writer since Milton must give place to Pope; and even of Dryden it must be said, that if he has brighter paragraphs, he has not better poems. Dryden's performances were always hasty, either excited by some external occasion, or extorted by domestic necessity; he composed without consideration, and published without correction. What his mind could supply at call, or gather in one excursion, was all that he sought, and all that he gave. The dilatory caution of Pope enabled him to condense his sentiments, to multiply his images, and to accumulate all that study might produce, or chance might supply. If the flights of Dryden, therefore, are higher, Pope continues longer on the wing. If of Dryden's fire the blaze is brighter, of Pope's the heat is more regular and constant. Dryden often surpasses expectation, and Pope never falls below it. Dryden is read with frequent astonishment, and Pope with perpetual delight.

This parallel, will, I hope, when it is well considered, be found just; and if the reader should suspect me, as I suspect myself, of some partial fondness for the memory of Dryden, let him not too hastily condemn me; for meditation and inquiry may, perhaps, show him the reasonableness of my determination.

DISCOVERY OF AMERICA BY COLUMBUS.

ROBERTSON.

On Friday, the third day of August, in the year one thousand four hundred and ninety two, Columbus set sail from Palos, in Spain, a little before sunrise, in presence of a vast crowd of spectators, who sent up their supplications to heaven for the prosperous issue of the voyage; which they wished, rather than expected.

His squadron, if it merit that name, consisted of no more than three small vessels—the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Nigna—having on board ninety men, mostly sailors, together with a few adventurers, who followed the fortune of Columbus, and some gentlemen of the Spanish court, whom the queen appointed to accompany him.

He steered directly for the Canary Islands; from which, after refitting his ships, and supplying himself with fresh provisions, he took his departure on the sixth day of September. Here the voyage of discovery may properly be said to have begun; for Columbus, holding his course due west, left immediately the usual track of navigation, and seretched into unfrequented and unknown seas.

The first day, as it was very calm, he made but little way; but, on the second, he lost sight of the Canaries; and many of the sailors, already dejected and dismayed, when they contemplated the boldness of the undertaking, began to beat their breasts, and to shed tears, as if they were never more to behold land. Columbus comforted them with assurances of success, and the prospect of vast wealth in those opulent regions, whither he was conducting them.

This early discovery of the spirit of his followers taught Columbus that he must prepare to struggle, not only with the unavoidable difficulties which might be expecting from the nature of his undertaking, but with such as were likely to arise from the ignorance and timidity of the people under his command; and he perceived that the art of governing the minds of men would be no less requisite for accomplishing the discoveries which he had in view, than naval skill and enterprising courage.

Happily for himself, and for the country by which he was employed, he joined to the ardent temper and inventive genius of a projector, virtues of another species, which are rarely united with them. He possessed a thorough knowledge of mankind, an insinuating address, a patient perseverance in executing any plan, the perfect government of his own passions, and the talent of acquiring the direction of those of other men.

All these qualities which formed him for command, were accompanied with that superior knowledge of his profession, which begets confidence in times of difficulty and danger. To unskilful Spanish sailors, accustomed only to coasting voyages in the Mediterrenean, the maritime science of Columbus, the fruit of thirty years' expe-

rience, appeared immense. As soon as they put to sea, he regulated every thing by his sole authority; he super-intended the execution of every order, and, allowing himself only a few hours for sleep, he was, at all other times, upon deck.

As his course lay through seas, which had not been visited before, the sounding line, or instruments for observation, were continually in his hands. He attended to the motion of the tides and currents, watched the flight of birds, the appearance of fishes, of sea-weeds, and of every thing that floated on the waves, and accurately noted every occurrence in a journal that he kept.

By the fourteenth day of September, the fleet was above two hundred leagues to the west of the Canary Isles, a greater distance from land than any Spaniard had ever been before that time. Here the sailors were struck with an appearance no less astonishing than new. They observed that the magnetic needle, in their compasses, did not point exactly to the north star, but varied towards the west.

This appearance, which is now familiar, filled the companions of Columbus with terror. They were in an ocean boundless and unknown, nature itself seemed to be altered, and the only guide, which they had left, was about to fail them. Columbus, with no less quickness than ingenuity, invented a reason for this appearance, which, though it did not satisfy himself, seemed so plausible to them, that it dispelled their fears, and silenced their murmurs.

On the first of October, they were about seven hundred

and seventy leagues west of the Canaries. They had now been above three weeks at sea: all their prognostics of discovery, drawn from the flight of birds, and other circumstances, had proved fallacious, and their prospect of success seemed now to be as distant as ever. The spirit of discontent and of mutiny began to manifest itself among the sailors; and, by degrees, the contagion spread from ship to ship.

All agreed, that Columbus should be compelled, by force, to return, while their crazy vessels were yet in a condition to keep the sea; and some even proposed to throw him overboard, as the most expeditious method of getting rid of his remonstrances, and of securing a seasonable return to their native land.

Columbus was fully sensible of his perilous situation. He perceived that it would be of no avail to have recourse to any of his former expedients, to lead on the hopes of his companions, and that it was impossible to rekindle any zeal for the success of the expedition, among men in whose breasts fear had extinguished every generous sentiment.

He found it necessary to sooth passions, which he could no longer command, and to give way to a torrent too impetuous to be checked. He accordingly promised his men, that he would comply with their request, provided they would accompany him, and obey his commands, for three days longer; and if, during that time, land were not discovered, he would then abandon the enterprise, and direct his course towards Spain.

Enraged as the sailors were, and impatient as they

were of returning to their native country, this proposition did not appear to them unreasonable: nor did Columbus hazard much in confining himself to a time so short; for the presages of discovering land had become so numerous and promising, that he deemed them infallible.

For some days, the sounding line had reached the bottom; and the soil which it brought up, indicated land to be at no great distance. The flocks of birds increased, and were composed not only of sea-fowl, but of such land birds as could not be supposed to fly far from the shore.

The crew of the Pitna observed a cane floating, which seemed to have been newly cut, and likewise a piece of timber, artificially carved. The sailors aboard the Nigna took up the branch of a tree, with red berries, perfectly fresh. The clouds around the setting sun, assumed a new appearance; the air was more mild and warm; and, during night, the wind became unequal and variable.

From all these symptoms, Columbus was so confident of being near land, that, on the evening of the eleventh of October, after public prayers for success, he ordered the sails to be furled, and strict watch to be kept, lest the ship should be driven ashore in the night. During this interval of suspense and expectation, no man shut his eyes; all kept upon deck, gazing intently towards that quarter where they expected to discover the land, which had been so long the object of their wishes.

About two hours before midnight, Columbus, standing on the forecastle observed a light at a distance, and privately pointed it out to two of his people. All three saw it in motion, as if it were carried from place to place. A little after midnight, the joyful sound of Land! Land! was heard from the Pinta. But, having been so often deceived by fallacious appearances, they had now become slow of belief, and waited, in all the anguish of uncertainty and impatience, for the return of day.

As soon as morning dawned, their doubts and fears were dispelled. They beheld an island about two leagues to the north, whose flat and verdant fields, well stored with wood, and watered with many rivulets, presented to them the aspect of a delightful country. The crew of the Pinta instantly began a hymn of thanksgiving to God, and were joined by those of the other ships, with tears of joy, and transports of congratulation.

This office of gratitude to Heaven was followed by an act of justice to their commander. They threw themselves at the feet of Columbus, with feelings of self-condemnation, mingled with reverence. They implored him to pardon their ignorance, incredulity, and insolence, which had created him so much unnecessary disquiet, and had so often obstructed the prosecution of his well-concerted plan; and passing, in the warmth of their admiration, from one extreme to another, they now pronounced the man, whom they had so lately reviled and threatened, to be a person inspired by Heaven, with sagacity and fortitude more than human, in order to accomplish a design so far beyond the ideas and conceptions of all former ages.

As soon as the sun arose, all the boats were manned and armed. They rowed towards the island with their colours displayed, warlike music, and other martial pomp; and, as they approached the coast, they saw it covered with a multitude of people, whom the novelty of the spectacle had drawn together, and whose attitudes and gestures expressed wonder and astonishment at the strange objects which presented themselves to their view.

Columbus was the first European who set foot in the New World which he had discovered. He landed in a rich dress, and with a naked sword in his hand. His men followed, and kneeling down, they all kissed the ground which they had long desired to see.

They next erected a crucifix, and, prostrating themselves before it, returned thanks to God for conducting their voyage to such a happy issue. They then took solemn possession of the country for the crown of Castile and Leon, with all the formalities with which the Portuguese were accustomed to take possession of their new discoveries.

The Spaniards, while thus employed, were surrounded by many of the natives, who gazed, in silent admiration, upon actions which they could not comprehend, and of which they did not foresee the consequences. The dress of the Spaniards, the whiteness of their skins, their beards, their arms, appeared strange and surprising.

The vast machines, in which they had traversed the ocean, that seemed to move upon the water with wings, and uttered a dreadful sound, resembling thunder, accompanied with lightning and smoke, struck them with such terror, that they began to respect their new guests as a superior order of beings, and concluded that they

were children of the sun, who had descended to visit the earth.

The Europeans were hardly less amazed at the scene now before them. Every herb, and shrub, and tree, was different from those which flourished in Europe. The soil seemed to be rich, but bore few marks of cultivation. The climate, even to Spaniards, felt warm, though extremely delightful.

The inhabitants were entirely naked: their black hair, long and uncurled, floated upon their shoulders, or was bound in tresses around their heads; they had no beards; their complexion was of a dusky copper colour; their features singular, rather than disagreeable; their aspect gentle and timid.

Though not tall they were well shaped and active. Their faces, and other parts of their body, were fantastically painted with glaring colours. They were shy at first, through fear, but soon became familiar with the Spaniards; and, with transports of joy, received from them hawks' bells, glass beads, and other baubles; in return for which, they gave such provisions as they had, and some cotton yarn, the only commodity of value which they could produce.

Towards evening Columbus returned to his ships, accompanied by many of the islanders in their boats, which they called *canoes*; and, though rudely formed out of the trunk of a single tree, they rowed them with surprising dexterity. Thus, in the first interview between the inhabitants of the Old World and those of the New, every thing was conducted amicably, and to their mutual satis-

faction. The former, enlightened and ambitious, formed already vast ideas with respect to the advantages which they might derive from those regions that began to open to their view. The latter, simple and undiscerning, had no foresight of the calamities and desolation, which were now approaching their country.

CHILDHOOD AND MANHOOD-AN APOLOGUE.

CRABBE.

" Men are but children of a larger growth."

'Twas eight o'clock, and near the fire
My ruddy little boy was seated,
And with the title of a sire
My ears expected to be greeted:—
But vain the thought: by sleep oppressed,
No father there the child descried;
His head reclined upon his breast,
Or, nodding, rolled from side to side.

"Let this young rogue be sent to bed"—
Nought further had I time to say,
When the poor urchin raised his head
To beg that he might longer stay.
Refused, towards rest his steps he bent,
With tearful eye and aching heart;
But claimed his playthings ere he went,
And took up stairs his horse and cart.

For new delay, though oft denied, He pleaded; wildly craved the boon: Though past his usual hour, he cried
At being sent away so soon.

If stern to him, his grief I shared;
(Unmoved who hears his offspring weep!)
Of soothing him I half despaired;
But soon his cares were lost in sleep.

"Alas! poor infant!" I exclaimed,
"Thy father blushes now to scan,
In all which he so lately blamed,
The follies and the fears of man.
The vain regret, the anguish brief,
Which thou has known, sent up to bed,
Portrays of man the idle grief,
When doomed to slumber with the dead.

And more I thought, when, up the stairs,
With "longing, lingering looks," he crept,
To mark of man the childish cares,
His playthings carefully he kept.
Thus mortals, on life's later stage,
When nature claims their forfeit breath,
Still grasp at wealth in pain and age,
And cling to golden toys in death.

'Tis morn; and see, my smiling boy
Awakes to hail returning light,—
To fearless laughter,—boundless joy,—
Forgot the tears of yesternight.
Thus shall not man forget his wo?
Survive of age and death the gloom?

Smile at the cares he knew below?

And, renovated, burst the tomb?

O, my Creator! when thy will
Shall stretch this frame on earth's cold bed,
Let that blest hope sustain me still,
'Till thought, sense, memory—all are fled.
And, grateful for what thou may'st give,
No tear shall dim my fading eye,
That 'twas thy pleasure I should live,
That' tis thy mandate bids me die.

PENN'S TREATY WITH THE AMERICAN INDIANS.

EDINBURGH REVIEW.

THE country assigned to him by the royal charter was yet full of its original inhabitants; and the principles of William Penn did not allow him to look upon that gift as a warrant to dispossess the first proprietors of the land. He had accordingly appointed his commissioners, the preceding year, to treat with them for the fair purchase of a part of their lands, and for their joint possession of the remainder; and the terms of the settlement being now nearly agreed upon, he proceeded very soon after his arrival, to conclude the settlement, and solemnly to pledge his faith, and to ratify and confirm the treaty in sight of both the indians and planters.

For this purpose a grand convocation of the tribes had been appointed near the spot where Philadelphia now stands; and it was agreed that he and the presiding Sachems should meet and exchange faith, under the spreading branches of a prodigious elm-tree, that grew on the bank of the river. On the day appointed, accordingly, an innumerable multitude of the Indians assembled in that neighbourhood; and were seen, with their dark visages and brandished arms, moving, in vast swarms, in the depth of the woods which then overshadowed the whole of that now cultivated region.

On the other hand, William Penn, with a moderate attendance of friends advanced to meet them. He came, of course, unarmed—in his usual plain dress—without banners, or mace, or guard, or carriages; and only distinguished from his companions by wearing a blue sash of silk net-work, (which it seems is still preserved by Mr. Kett, of Seething-hall, near Norwich,) and by having in his hand a roll of parchment, on which was engrossed the confirmation of the treaty of purchase and amity. As soon as he drew near the spot where the Sachems were assembled, the whole multitude of Indians threw down their weapons, and seated themselves on the ground in groups, each under his own chieftain; and the presiding chief intimated to William Penn, that the nations were ready to hear him.

Having been thus called upon, he began: "The Great Spirit," he said, "who made him and them, who ruled the heaven and the earth, and who knew the innermost thoughts of man, knew that he and his friends had a hearty desire to live in peace and friendship with them, and to serve them to the utmost of their power. It was not their custom to use hostile weapons against their fel-

low creatures, for which reason they had come unarmed. Their object was not to do injury, and thus provoke the Great Spirit, but to do good. They were then met on the broad pathway of good faith and good will, so that no advantage was to be taken on either side, but all was to be openness, brotherhood, and love."

After these and other words, he unrolled the parchment, and by means of the same interpreter, conveyed to them, article by article, the conditions of the purchase, and the words of the compact then made for their eternal union. Among other things, they were not to be molested in their lawful pursuits even in the territory thy had alienated, for it was to be common to them and the English. They were to have the same liberty to do all things therein, relating to the improvement of their grounds, and the providing of sustenance for their families, which the English had. If any disputes should arise between the two, they should be settled by twelve persons, half of whom should be English, and half Indians.

He then paid them for the land, and made them many presents besides, from the merchandise which had been spread before them. Having done this, he laid the roll of parchment on the ground, observing again, that the ground should be common to both people. He then added that he would not do as the Marylanders did, that is, call them Children or Brothers only; for often parents were apt to whip their children too severely, and brothers sometimes would differ; neither would he compare the friendship between him and them to a chain, for the rain might sometimes rust it, or a tree might fall and

break it; but he would consider them as the same flesh and blood with the Christians, and the same as if one man's body were to be divided into two parts. He then took up the parchment, and presented it to the Sachem who wore the horn in the chaplet, and desired him and the other Sachems to preserve it carefully for three generations, that their children might know what had passed between them, just as if he himself had remained with them to repeat it.

The Indians, in return, made long and stately harangues—of which, however, no more seems to have been remembered, but that "they pledged themselves to live in love with William Penn and his children, as long as the sun and moon shall endure." And thus ended this famous treaty;—of which Voltaire has remarked, with so much truth and severity, "that it was the only one ever concluded between savages and christians that was not ratified by an oath—and the only one that never was broken!"

Such, indeed, was the spirit in which the negociation was entered into, and the corresponding settlement conducted, that, for the space of more than seventy years, and so long indeed as the Quakers retained the chief power in the government, the peace and amity which had been thus solemnly promised and concluded, never was violated; and a large and most striking, though solitary example afforded, of the facility with which they who are really sincere and friendly in their own views, may live in harmony even with those who are supposed to be peculiarly fierce and faithless.

WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORD.

REV. ROBERT HALL.

THE exclusion of a Supreme Being, and of a superintending providence, tends directly to the destruction of moral taste. It robs the universe of all finished and consummate excellence even in idea. The admiration of perfect wisdom and goodness for which we are formed, and which kindles such unspeakable rapture in the soul, finding in the regions of scepticism nothing to which it corresponds, droops and languishes. In a world which presents a fair spectacle of order and beauty, of a vast family nourished and supported by an Almighty Parent; in a world which leads the devout mind, step by step, to the contemplation of the first fair and the first good, the sceptic is encompassed with nothing but obscurity, meanness, and disorder.

When we reflect on the manner in which the idea of Deity is formed, we must be convinced that such an idea intimately present to the mind, must have a most powerful effect in refining the moral taste. Composed of the richest elements, it embraces in the character of a beneficent Parent and Almighty Ruler, whatever is venerable in wisdom, whatever is awful in authority, whatever is touching in goodness.

Human excellence is blended with many imperfections, and seen under many limitations. It is beheld only in detached and separate portions, nor ever appears in any one character whole and entire. So that when, in imita-

tion of the Stoics, we wish to form out of these fragments the notion of a perfectly wise and good man, we know it is a mere fiction of the mind, without any real being in whom it is embodied and realized. In the belief of a Deity, these conceptions are reduced to reality; the scattered rays of an ideal excellence are concentrated, and become the real attributes of that Being with whom we stand in the nearest relation, who sits supreme at the head of the universe, is armed with infinite power, and pervades all nature with his presence.

The efficacy of these sentiments in producing and augmenting a virtuous taste, will indeed be proportioned to the vividness with which they are formed, and the frequency with which they recur; yet some benefit will not fail to result from them even in their lowest degree.

The idea of the Supreme Being has this peculiar property; that, as it admits of no substitute, so, from the first moment it is impressed, it is capable of continual growth and enlargement. God himself is immutable; but our conception of his character is continually receiving fresh accessions; is continually growing more extended and refulgent, by having transferred upon it new perceptions of beauty and goodness; by attracting to itself, as a centre, whatever bears the impress of dignity, order, or happiness. It borrows splendour from all that is fair, subordinates to itself all that is great, and sits enthroned on the riches of the universe.

INDUSTRY RECOMMENDED.

LORD CHESTERFIELD.

VERY few people are good economists of their fortune, and still fewer of their time; and yet of the two, the latter is the most precious. I heartily wish you to be a good economist of both; and you are now of an age to begin to think seriously of these two important articles. Young people are apt to think they have so much time before them, that they may squander what they please of it, and yet have enough left; as very great fortunes have frequently seduced people to a ruinous profusion. Fatal mistakes, always repented of, but always too late! Old Mr. Lowndes, the famous secretary of the treasury, in the reigns of king William, queen Ann, and king George the First, used to say, "Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves."

This holds equally true as to time; and I most earnestly recommend to you the care of those minutes and quarters of hours, in the course of the day, which people think too short to deserve their attention; and yet, if summed up at the end of the year, would amount to a very considerable portion of time. For example: you are to be at such a place at twelve, by appointment: you go out at eleven, to make two or three visits first; those persons are not at home: instead of sauntering away that intermediate time at a coffee-house, and possibly alone; return home, write a letter, beforehand, for the ensuing

post, or take up a good book, I do not mean Descartes, Malbranche, Locke, or Newton, by way of dipping; but some book of rational amusement, and detached pieces, as Horace, Boileau, Waller, La Bruyere, &c. This will be so much time saved, and by no means ill employed. Many people lose a great deal of time by reading: for they read frivolous and idle books; such as the absurd romances of the two last centuries, where characters, that never existed, are insipidly displayed, and sentiments, that were never felt, pompously described; the oriental ravings and extravagancies of the Arabian Nights, and Mogul Tales; and such sort of idle, frivolous stuff, that nourishes and improves the mind just as much as whipped cream would the body. Stick to the best established books in every language; the celebrated poets, historians. orators, or philosophers. By these means (to use a city metaphor) you will make fifty per cent of that time, of which others do not make above three or four, or probably nothing at all.

Many people lose a great deal of their time by laziness; they loll and yawn in a great chair, tell themselves that they have not time to begin any thing then, and that it will do as well another time. This is a most unfortunate disposition, and the greatest obstruction to both knowledge and business. At your age, you have no right nor claim to laziness. You are but just listed in the world, and must be active, diligent, indefatigable. If ever you propose commanding with dignity, you must serve up to it with diligence. Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

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Despatch is the soul of business; and nothing contributes more to despatch, than method. Lay down a method for every thing, and stick to it inviolably, as far as unexpected incidents may allow. Fix one certain hour and day in the week for your accounts, and keep them together in their proper order; by which means they will require very litle time, and you can never be much cheated. Whatever letters and papers you keep, docket and tie them up in their respective classes, so that you may instantly have recourse to any one. Lay down a method also for your reading, for which you allot a certain share of your mornings; let it be in a consistent and consecutive course, and not in that desultory and immethodical manner, in which many people read scraps of different authors, upon different subjects. useful and short common-place book of what you read, to help your memory only, and not for pedantic quotations. Never read history without having maps, and a chronological book, or tables lying by you, and constantly recurred to; without which, history is only a confused heap of facts. One method more I recommend to you, by which I have found great benefit, even in the most dissipated part of my life: that is, to rise early, and at the same hour every morning, how late soever you may have sat up the night before.

You will say, it may be, as many young people would, that all this order and method is very troublesome, only fit for dull people, and a disagreeable restraint upon the noble spirit and fire of youth. I deny it; and assert, on the contrary, that it will procure you, both more time

and more taste for your pleasures; and, so far from being troublesome to you, that, after you have pursued it a month, it would be troublesome to you to lay it aside.

THE LOVE OF COUNTRY AND OF HOME.

MONTGOMERY.

THERE is a land, of every land the pride, Beloved by heaven o'er all the world beside; Where brighter suns dispense serener light, And milder moons emparadise the night; A land of beauty, virtue, valour, truth. Time-tutored age, and love-exalted youth. The wandering mariner, whose eye explores The wealthiest isles, the most enchanting shores, Views not a realm so bountiful and fair. Nor breathes the spirit of a purer air; In every clime the magnet of his soul, Touched by remembrance, trembles to that pole: For in this land of Heaven's peculiar grace, The heritage of nature's noblest race, There is a spot of earth supremely blest, A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest, Where man, creation's tyrant, casts aside His sword and sceptre, pageantry and pride, While, in his softened looks, benignly blend The sire, the son, the husband, father, friend.

Here woman reigns; the mother, daughter, wife, Strows with fresh flowers the narrow way of life; In the clear heaven of her delightful eye, An angel-guard of loves and graces lie;
Around her knees domestic duties meet,
And fire-side pleasures gambol at her feet.
Where shall that land, that spot of earth, be found?
Art thou a man?—a patriot?—look around;
Oh! thou shalt find, howe'er thy footsteps roam,
That land THY COUNTRY, and that spot THY HOME.

VIEW OF MONT BLANC AT SUNSET.

GRISCOM.

We arrived, before sundown, at the village of St. Martin, where we were to stay for the night. The evening being remarkably fine, we crossed the Arvé on a beautiful bridge, and walked over to Salenche, a very considerable village, opposite to St Martin, and ascended a hill to view the effect of the sun's declining light upon Mont Blanc. The scene was truly grand. The broad range of the mountain was fully before us, of a pure and almost glowing white, apparently to its very base; and which, contrasted with the brown tints of the adjoining mountains, greatly heightened the novelty of the scene. We could scarcely avoid the conclusion, that this vast pile of snow was very near us; and yet its base was not less than fifteen, and its summit, probably, more than twenty miles from the place where we stood.

The varying rays of light, produced by reflection from the snow, passing, as the sun's rays declined, from a brilliant white through purple and pink, and ending in the gentle light which the snow gives after the sun has set, afforded an exhibition in optics upon a scale of grandeur, which no other region in the world could probably excel. Never, in my life, have my feelings been so powerfully affected, by mere scenery, as they were in this day's excursion. The excitement, though attended by sensations awfully impressive, is, nevertheless, so finely attempered by the glow of novelty, incessantly mingled with astonishment and admiration, as to produce, on the whole a feast of delight.

A few years ago, I stood upon Table Rock, and placed my cane in the descending flood of Niagara. Its tremendous roar almost entirely precluded conversation with the friend at my side; while its whirlwind of mist and foam filled the air to a great distance around me. The rainbow sported in its bosom; the gulf below exhibited the wild fury of an immense boiling caldron; while the rapids above, for the space of nearly a mile, appeared like a mountain of billows chafing and dashing against each other with thundering impetuosity, in their eager strife to gain the precipice, and take the awful leap.

In contemplating this scene, my imagination and my heart were filled with sublime and tender emotions. The soul seemed to be brought a step nearer to the presence of that incomprehensible Being, whose spirit dwelt in every feature of the cataract, and directed all its amazing energies. Yet, in the scenery of this day, there was more of a pervading sense of awful and unlimited grandeur; mountain piled upon mountain, in endless continuity, throughout the whole extent, and crowned by the brightest effulgence of an evening sun, upon the everlasting snows of the highest pinnacle of Europe.

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EXTRACT FROM MR. PITT'S SPEECH ON THE SLAVE TRADE.

SIR—It is alleged that Africa labours under a natural incapacity for civilization, that it is enthusiasm and fanaticism to think that she can ever enjoy the knowledge and the morals of Europe; that Providence never intended her to rise above a state of barbarism. Allow of this principle, as applied to Africa, and I should be glad to know, why it might not also have been applied to ancient and uncivilized Britain.

Sir, the condition of this country was once as deplorable as that of Africa. There was a time, sir, when even HUMAN SACRIFICES are said to have been offered in this island. Nay, the very practice of the Slave Trade, once prevailed among us. Slaves were formerly an established article of our exports. Great numbers were exported like cattle from the British coast, and were to be seen exposed for sale in the Roman market.

Why might not some Roman Senator, reasoning on the principles of the honourable gentlemen, and pointing to British barbarians, have predicted with equal boldness, "there is a people that will never rise to civilization—there is a people never destined to be free—a people without the understanding necessary for the attainment of useful arts; depressed by the hand of nature below the level of the human species; and created to form a supply of slaves for the rest of the world."

Might not this have been said, according to the principles, which we now hear stated in all respects as fairly and as truly of Britain herself at that period of her history, as it can now be said by us of the inhabitants of Africa?

Yet we, sir, have long since emerged from barbarism. We have almost forgotten that we were once barbarians. Yet we were once as obscure among the nations of the earth, as savage in our manners, as debased in our morals, as degraded in our understandings, as these unhappy Africans are at present. But in the lapse of a long series of years, by a progression slow, and, for a time, almost imperceptible, we have become rich in a variety of acquirements, favoured above measure in the gifts of Providence—unrivalled in commerce, pre-eminent in arts, foremost in the pursuits of philosophy and science, and established in all the blessings of civil society.

We are in the possession of peace, of happiness, and of liberty. We are under the guidance of a mild and beneficent religion: and we are protected by impartial laws, and the purest administration of justice. From all these blessings we must for ever have been shut out, had there been any truth in those principles which some gentlemen have not hesitated to lay down as applicable to Africa. Ages might have passed without our emerging from barbarism; we might at this hour have been little superior either in morals, in knowledge, or refinement, to the rude inhabitants of Guinea.

I trust we shall no longer continue this commerce, to the destruction of every improvement on that wide continent. If we listen to the voice of reason and duty, and pursue this night the line of conduct which they prescribe, some of us may live to see a reverse of that picture, from which we now turn our eyes with shame and regret.

We may live to behold the natives of Africa, engaged in the calm occupations of industry, in the pursuits of a just and legitimate commerce. We may behold the beams of science and philosophy breaking in upon their land, which at some happy period in still later times, may blaze with full lustre; and joining their influence to that of pure religion, may illuminate and invigorate the most distant extremities of that immense continent.

Then may we hope that even Africa, though last of all the quarters of the globe, shall enjoy at length in the evening of her days those blessings, which have descended so plentifully upon us in a much earlier period of the world.

RELIGION THE ONLY BASIS OF SOCIETY.

CHANNING.

Religion is a social concern; for it operates powerfully on society, contributing, in various ways, to its stability and prosperity. Religion is not merely a private affair; the community is deeply interested in its diffusion; for it is the best support of the virtues and principles, on which the social order rests. Pure and undefiled religion is, to do good; and it follows, very plainly, that, if God be the Author and Friend of society, then

the recognition of him must enforce all social duty, and enlightened piety must give its whole strength to public order.

Few men suspect, perhaps no man comprehends, the extent of the support given by religion to every virtue. No man, perhaps, is aware, how much our moral and social sentiments are fed from this fountain; how powerless conscience would become, without the belief of a God; how palsied would be human benevolence, were there not the sense of a higher benevolence to quicken and sustain it; how suddenly the whole social fabric would quake, and with what a fearful crash it would sink into hopeless ruin, were the ideas of a Supreme Being, of accountableness, and of a future life, to be utterly erased from every mind.

And let men thoroughly believe that they are the work and sport of chance; that no superior intelligence concerns itself with human affairs; that all their improvements perish for ever at death; that the weak have no guardian, and the injured no avenger; that there is no recompense for sacrifices to uprightness and the public good; that an oath is unheard in heaven; that secret crimes have no witness but the perpetrator; that human existence has no purpose, and human virtue no unfailing friend; that this brief life is every thing to us, and death is total, everlasting extinction; once let them thoroughly abandon religion; and who can conceive or describe the extent of the desolation which would follow!

We hope, perhaps, that human laws and natural sym-

pathy would hold society together. As reasonably might we believe, that, were the sun quenched in the heavens, our torches would illuminate, and our fires quicken and fertilize the creation. What is there in human nature to awaken respect and tenderness, if man is the unprotected insect of a day? And what is he more, if atheism be true?

Erase all thought and fear of God from a community, and selfishness and sensuality would absorb the whole man. Appetite, knowing no restraint, and suffering, having no solace or hope, would trample in scorn on the restraints of human laws. Virtue, duty, principle, would be mocked and spurned as unmeaning sounds. A sordid self-interest would supplant every other feeling; and man would become, in fact, what the theory of atheism declares him to be—a companion for brutes.

ON SINCERITY.

TILLOTSON.

TRUTH and sincerity have all the advantages of appearance, and many more. If the show of any thing be good, I am sure the reality is better; for why does any man dissemble, or seem to be that which he is not,—but because he thinks it good to have the qualities he pretends to? Now the best way for a man to seem to be any thing, is to be in reality what he would seem to be: besides,—it is often as troublesome to support the pretence of a good quality, as to have it: and, if a man have it not, it is most likely he will be discovered to

want it; and, then, all his labour to seem to have it, is lost. There is something unnatural in painting, which a skilful eye will easily discern from native beauty and complexion.

Therefore, if any man think it convenient to seem good, let him be so indeed: and then his goodness will appear to every one's satisfaction. Particularly, as to the affairs of this world, integrity hath many advantages over all the artificial modes of dissimulation and deceit. It is much the plainer and easier, -much the safer, and more secure way of dealing in the world; it has less of trouble and difficulty, of entanglement and perplexity, of danger and hazard in it. The arts of deceit and cunning continually grow weaker, and less serviceable to those that practice them; whereas integrity gains strength by use; and the more and longer any man practiseth it the greater service it does him; by confirming his reputation, and encouraging those with whom he hath to do, to repose the greatest confidence in him; which is an unspeakable advantage in business and the affairs of life.

But insincerity is very troublesome to manage. A hypocrite hath so many things to attend to, as make his life a very perplexed and intricate thing. A liar hath need of a good memory, lest he contradict at one time, what he said at another; but truth is always consistent, and needs nothing to help it out; it is always near at hand, and sits upon our lips; whereas a lie is troublesome, and needs a great many more to make it good.

In a word, whatsoever convenience may be thought to

be in falsehood and dissimulation, it is soon over; but the inconvenience of it is perpetual; because it brings a man under an everlasting jealousy and suspicion; so that he is not believed when he speaks the truth; nor trusted when, perhaps, he means honestly. When a man hath once forfeited the reputation of his integrity, nothing will then serve his turn; neither truth nor falsehood.

Indeed, if a man were only to deal in the world for a day, and should never have occasion to converse more with mankind, it were then no great matter (as far as respects the affairs of this world) if he spent his reputation all at once; or ventured it at one throw. But if he be to continue in the world, and would have the advantage of reputation whilst he is in it, let him make use of truth and sincerity in all his words and actions; for nothing but this will hold out to the end. All other arts may fail; but truth and integrity will carry a man through, and bear him out to the last.

THE GOODNESS OF THE DEITY.

PALEY.

The proof of the Divine Goodness, rests upon two propositions, each capable of being sustained by observations drawn from the appearances of nature. The first is "that in a vast plurality of instances, in which contrivance is perceived, the design of the contrivance is beneficial." The second "that the Deity has superaded pleasure to animal sensations, beyond what was ne-

cessary for any other purpose; or, when the purpose, so far as it was necessary, might have been effected by the operation of pain."

First, no productions of nature display contrivance so manifestly as the parts of animals: and the parts of animals, have, I believe, universally, a real, and, with very few exceptions, a known and intelligent subserviency to the use of the animal. Now, when the multitude of animals is considered, the number of parts in each, their figure and fitness, the faculties depending upon them, the variety of species, the complexity of structure, we can never reflect, without the profoundest adoration, upon the character of that Being from whom all these things have proceeded: we cannot help acknowledging what an exertion of benevolence creation was, how minute in its care, how vast in its comprehension.

When we appeal to the parts and faculties of animals, we state, I conceive, the proper medium of proof for the conclusion which we wish to establish. The benevolence of the Deity, can only be considered in relation to sensitive being. The parts, therefore, especially the limbs and senses, of animals, although they constitute in mass and quantity, a small portion of the material creation, yet, since they alone are instruments of perception, they compose the whole of the visible nature estimated with a view to the disposition of its Author. Consequently, it is by these that we are to prove, that the world was made with a benevolent design.

Nor is the design abortive. It is, after all, a happy world. The air, the earth, the water teem with delight-

ed existence. In a spring noon, or a summer evening, on whichever side I turn my eyes, myriads of happy beings crowd upon my view. "The insect youth are on the wing." Swarms of new born flies are trying their pinions in the air. Their sportive motions, their wanton images, their gratuitous activity, their continual change of place without use or purpose, testify their joy, and the exultation which they feel in their lately discovered faculties.

A bee among the flowers, in spring, is one of the cheerfulest objects that can be looked upon. Its life appears to be all enjoyment; so busy, so pleased it seems: yet it is only a specimen, of insect life, with which, because the animal is half domesticated, we are better acquainted than with that of others. The whole winged insect tribe, it is probable, are equally intent upon their proper employments, and under every variety of constitution, gratified, and perhaps equally, by the offices which the Author of their nature has assigned to them.

Nor are the waters less peopled with active and happy inhabitants. The margins of rivers, of lakes, and of the sea itself produce shoals of the fry of fish. These are so happy that they know not what to do with themselves. Their attitudes, their vivacity, their wanton frolics, their leaps out of the water, show their excess of spirits, and are simply the effects of that excess.

What scene can present a finer picture of calm enjoyment than large herds of cattle when grazing and reposing in the meadows; intermingled with flocks of sheep accompanied by their frisking young. If, moreover, we reflect that each individual of the numerous species which cover the earth or fill the air and the waters, is in a state of positive enjoyment, what a scene of gratification and pleasure is brought before our view when we consider the whole collectively.

The young of all animals appear to me to receive pleasure, simply from the exercise of their limbs and bodily faculties. A child is delighted with speaking without having any thing to say, and with walking without knowing where to go. And, prior to both these, I am disposed to believe the waking hours of infancy are agreeably taken up with the exercise of vision, or, perhaps, more properly speaking, with learning to see.

But it is not for youth alone that the great parent of creation hath provided. Happiness is found in the arm chair of dozing age, as well as in the sprightliness of the dance, and the animation of the chace. To novelty, to acuteness of sensation, to hope, to ardour of pursuit, succeeds, what is, in no considerable degree, an equivalent for them all, "perception of ease."

This "perception" oftentimes renders old age a condition of great comfort; especially when riding at its anchor, after a busy and tempestuous life. The appearance of satisfaction, with which most animals, as their activity subsides, seek and enjoy rest, affords reason to believe, that this source of gratification is appointed to advanced life, under all, or most, of its varied forms. In the species with which we are best acquainted, namely, our own, I am far, even as an observer of human life, from thinking, that youth is its happiest season, much

less the only happy one; as a Christian, I am willing to believe that there is a great deal of truth in the following representation given by a very pious writer as well as excellent man.

"To the intelligent and virtuous, old age presents a scene of tranquil enjoyments, of obedient appetites, of well regulated affections, of maturity in knowledge, and of calm preparation for immortality. In this serene and dignified state, placed as it were, on the confines of two worlds, the mind of a good man, reviews what is past with the complacency of an approving conscience, and looks forward with humble confidence in the mercy of God, and with devout aspirations, towards his eternal and ever increasing favour."

JOB BEMOANETH HIMSELF.

On that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; when his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; as I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; when I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; when I went out to the gate through the city when I prepared my seat in the street! The young men saw me, and hid themselves, and the aged arose, and stood up. The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their

peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me; because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out. And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand. My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. If I laughed on them, they believed it not: and the light of my countenance they cast not down. I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

TWILIGHT-HOPE.

HALLECK.

There is an evening twilight of the heart,
When its wild passion waves are lulled to rest,
And the eye sees Life's fairy scenes depart,
As fades the day-beam in the rosy west.
'Tis with a nameless feeling of regret
We gaze upon them as they melt away,
And fondly would we bid them linger yet;
But Hope is round us, with her angel lay,
Hailing afar some happier moonlight hour;
Dear are her whispers still, though lost their early power.

In youth, the cheek was crimsoned with her glow;
Her smile was loveliest then; her matin song
Was Heaven's own music, and the note of wo
Was all unheard her sunny bowers among.
Life's little world of bliss was newly born;
We knew not, cared not, it was born to die.
Flushed with the cool breeze and the dews of morn,
With dancing heart we gazed on the pure sky.
And mocked the passing cloud that dimmed its blue,
Like our own sorrows then—as fleeting and as few.

And manhood felt her sway, too; on the eye,
Half realized, her early dreams burst bright;
Her promised bower of happiness seemed nigh,—
Its days of joy, its vigils of delight;

And though, at times, might lower the thunder storm,
And the red lightnings threaten, still the air
Was balmy with her breath, and her loved form,

The rainbow of the heart, was hovering there.
'Tis in life's noontide she is nearest seen,
Her wreath the summer flower, her robe of summer green.

But though less dazzling in her twilight dress,

There's more of heaven's pure beam about her now; That angel-smile of tranquil loveliness,

Which the heart worships, glowing on her brow— That smile shall brighten the dim evening star,

That points our destined tomb, nor e'er depart Till the faint light of life is fled afar,

And hushed the last deep beating of the heart,—
The meteor-bearer of our parting breath,
A moon-beam in the midnight cloud of death.

ART OF PLEASING.

CHESTERFIELD.

THE desire of being pleased is universal; the desire of pleasing should be so too. It is included in that great and fundamental principle of morality, of doing to others what we wish they should do to us. There are, indeed, some moral duties of a much higher nature, but none of a more amiable; and I do not hesitate to place it at the head of the minor virtues.

The manner of conferring favours or benefits is, as to pleasing, almost as important as the matter itself. Take

care, then, never to throw away the obligations, which, perhaps, you may have it in your power to confer upon others, by an air of insolent protection, or by a cold and comfortless manner, which stifles them in their birth. Humanity inclines, religion requires, and our moral duties oblige us, as far as we are able, to relieve the distresses and miseries of our fellow creatures: but this is not all; for a true, heart-felt benevolence and tenderness will prompt us to contribute what we can to their ease, their amusement, and their pleasure, as far as innocently we may. Let us, then, not only scatter benefits, but even strow flowers, for our fellow travellers in the rugged ways of the world.

There are some, and but too many in this country particularly, who, without the least visible taint of ill nature or malevolence, seem to be totally indifferent, and do not show the least desire to please: as, on the other hand, they never designedly offend. Whether this proceeds from a lazy, negligent and listless disposition, from a gloomy and melancholic nature, from ill health, low spirits, or from a secret and sullen pride, arising from the consciousness of their boasted liberty and independence, is hard to determine, considering the various movements of the human heart, and the wonderful errors of the human head. But, be the cause what it will, that neutrality which is the effect of it, makes these people, as neutralities always do, despicable, and mere blanks in society. They would surely be roused from their indifference, if they would seriously consider the infinite utility of pleasing.

The person who manifests a constant desire to please, places his perhaps small stock of merit at great interest. What vast returns, then, must real merit, when thus adorned, necessarily bring in!

Civility is the essential article toward pleasing, and is the result of good nature and good sense: but good-breeding is the decoration, the lustre of civility, and only to be acquired by a minute attention to good company. A good-natured ploughman may be intentionally as civil as the politest courtier; but his manner often degrades and vilifies the matter; whereas, in good-breeding, the manner always adorns and dignifies the matter to such a degree, that I have often known it give currency to base coin.

Civility is often attended by a ceremoniousness, which good-breeding corrects, but will not quite abolish. A certain degree of ceremony is a necessary outwork of manners: it keeps the forward and petulant at a proper distance, and is a very small restraint to the sensible and to the well-bred part of the world.

GENUINE VIRTUE COMMANDS RESPECT, EVEN FROM THE BAD.

FENELON.

Dionysius, Pythias, and Damon.

Dionysius. Amazing! What do I see! It is Pythias just arrived.—It is indeed Pythias. I did not think it possible. He is come to die, and to redeem his friend! Pythias. Yes, it is Pythias. I left the place of my

confinement, with no other views, than to pay to heaven the vows I had made; to settle my family concerns according to the rules of justice; and to bid adieu to my children, that I might die tranquil and satisfied.

Dio. But why dost thou return? Hast thou no fear of death? Is it not the character of a madman to seek it thus voluntarily?

Py. I return to suffer, though I have not deserved death. Every principle of honour and goodness, forbids me to allow my friend to die for me.

Dio. Dost thou, then, love him better than thyself.

Py. No; I love him as myself. But I am persuaded that I ought to suffer death, rather than my friend; since it was Pythias whom thou hadst decreed to die. It were not just that Damon should suffer, to deliver me from the death which was designed, not for him, but for me only.

Dio. But thou supposest, that it is as unjust to inflict death upon thee, as upon thy friend.

Py. Very true; we are both perfectly innocent; and it is equally unjust to make either of us suffer.

Dio. Why dost thou, then, assert, that it were injustice to put him to death, instead of thee?

Py. It is unjust, in the same degree, to inflict death either on Damon or on myself: but Pythias were highly culpable to let Damon suffer that death, which the tyrant had prepared for Pythias only.

Dio. Dost thou, then, return hither, on the day appointed, with no other view, than to save the life of a friend, by losing thy own?

Py. I return, in regard to thee, to suffer an act of injustice which it is common for tyrants to inflict; and, with respect to Damon, to perform my duty, by rescuing him from the danger he incurred by his generosity to me.

Dio. And now, Damon, let me address myself to thee. Didst thou not really fear, that Pythias would never return; and that thou wouldst be put to death on his account?

Da. I was but too well assured that Pythias would punctually return; and that he would be more solicitous to keep his promise, than to preserve his life. Would to heaven that his relations and friends had forcibly detained him! He would then have lived for the comfort and benefit of good men; and I should have the satisfaction of dying for him!

Dio. What! does life displease thee?

Da. Yes; It displeases me when I see and feel the power of a tyrant.

Dio. It is well! Thou shalt see him no more. I will order thee to be put to death immediately.

Py. Pardon the feelings of a man who sympathizes with his dying friend. But remember it was Pythias who was devoted by thee to destruction. I come to submit to it, that I may redeem my friend. Do not refuse me this consolation in my last hour.

Dio. I cannot endure men who despise death, and set my power at defiance.

Da. Thou canst not, then, endure virtue.

Dio. No: I cannot endure that proud, disdainful virtue, which contemns life; which dreads no punishment;

and which is insensible to the charms of riches and pleasure.

Da. Thou seest, however, that it is a virtue, which is not insensible to the dictates of honour, justice and friendship.

Dio. Guards, take Pythias to execution. We shall see whether Damon will continue to despise my authority.

Da. Pythias, by returning to submit himself to thy pleasure, has merited his life, and deserved thy favour; but I have excited thy indignation, by resigning myself to thy power, in order to save him; be satisfied, then, with this sacrifice, and put me to death.

Py. Hold, Dionysius! remember it was Pythias alone who offended thee; Damon could not—

Dio. Alas! what do I see and hear! where am I? How miserable; and how worthy to be so! I have hitherto known nothing of true virtue. I have spent my life in darkness and error. All my power and honours are insufficient to produce love. I cannot boast of having acquired a single friend, in the course of a reign of thirty years. And yet these two persons, in a private condition, love one another tenderly, unreservedly confide in each other, are mutually happy, and ready to die for each other's preservation.

Py. How couldst thou, who hast never loved any person, expect to have friends? If thou hadst loved and respected men, thou wouldst have secured their love and respect. Thou hast feared mankind; and they fear thee; they detest thee.

Dio. Damon, Pythias, condescend to admit me as a

third friend, in a connexion so perfect. I give you your lives; and I will load you with riches.

Da. We have no desire to be enriched by thee; and, in regard to thy friendship, we cannot accept or enjoy it, till thou become good and just. Without these qualities, thou canst be connected with none but trembling slaves, and base flatterers. To be loved and esteemed by men of free and generous minds, thou must be virtuous, affectionate, disinterested, beneficent; and know how to live in a sort of equality with those who share and deserve thy friendship.

THE SLAVE TRADE.

WEBSTER.

The land is not wholly free from the contamination of a traffic, at which every feeling of humanity must for ever revolt—I mean the African slave trade. Neither public sentiment, nor the law, has hitherto been able entirely to put an end to this odious and abominable trade. At the moment when God, in his mercy, has blessed the Christian world with a universal peace, there is reason to fear, that, to the disgrace of the Christian name and character, new efforts are making for the extension of this trade, by subjects and citizens of Christian states, in whose hearts no sentiment of humanity or justice inhabits, and over whom neither the fear of God nor the fear of man exercises a control. In the sight of our law, the African slave trader is a pirate and a felon;—and in the sight of heaven, an offender far beyond the

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ordinary depth of human guilt. There is no brighter part of our history, than that which records the measures which have been adopted by the government, at an early day, and at different times since, for the suppression of this traffic; and I would call on all the true sons of New England, to co-operate with the laws of man, and the justice of Heaven. If there be within the extent of our knowledge or influence, any participation in this traffic, let us pledge ourselves here to extirpate and destroy it. It is not fit, that the land of the pilgrims should bear the shame longer. I hear the sound of the hammer, I see the smoke of the furnaces where manacles and fetters are still forged for human limbs. I see the visages of those, who by stealth, and at midnight, labour in this work of wickedness, foul and dark, as may become the artificers of such instruments of misery and torture. Let that spot be purified, or let it cease to be of New England. Let it be purified, or let it be set aside from the Christian world; let it be put out of the circle of human sympathies and human regards, and let civilized man henceforth have no communion with it.

I would invoke those who fill the seats of justice, and all who minister at her altar, that they execute the wholesome and necessary severity of the law. I invoke the ministers of our religion, that they proclaim its denunciation of these crimes, and add its solemn sanctions to the authority of human laws. I call on the fair merchant, who has reaped his harvest upon the seas, that he assist in scourging from those seas the worst pirates which ever infested them. That ocean, which seems to

wave with a gentle magnificence to wast the burdens of an honest commerce, and to roll along its treasures with a conscious pride, that ocean, which hardy industry regards, even when the winds have ruffled its surface, as a field of grateful toil; what is it to the victim of this oppression, when he is brought to its shores, and looks forth upon it, for the first time, from beneath chains, and bleeding with stripes? What is it to him, but a widespread prospect of suffering, anguish, and death? Nor do the skies smile longer, nor is the air longer fragrant to him. The sun is cast down from heaven. An inhuman traffic has cut him off in his manhood, or in his youth, from every enjoyment belonging to his being, and every blessing which his Creator intended for him.

FEELINGS EXCITED BY A LONG VOYAGE—VISIT TO A NEW CONTINENT.

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To an American visiting Europe, the long voyage he has to make is an excellent preparative. From the moment you lose sight of the land you have left, all is vacancy until you step on the opposite shore, and are launched at once into the bustle and novelties of another world.

I have said that at sea all is vacancy. I should correct the expression. To one given up to day-dreaming, and fond of losing himself in reveries, a sea voyage is full of subjects for meditation; but then they are the wonders of the deep, and of the air, and rather tend to abstract the mind from worldly themes. I delighted to

loll over the quarter-railing, or climb to the main-top on a calm day, and muse for hours together on the tranquil bosom of a summer's sea; or to gaze upon the piles of golden clouds just peering above the horizon, fancy them some fairy realms, and people them with a creation of my own, or to watch the gentle undulating billows, rolling their silver volumes, as if to die away on those happy shores.

There was a delicious sensation of mingled security and awe, with which I looked down from my giddy height on the monsters of the deep at their uncouth gambols.—Shoals of porpoises tumbling about the bow of the ship; the grampus slowly heaving his huge form above the surface; or the ravenous shark, darting like a spectre, through the blue waters. My imagination would conjure up all that I had heard or read of the watery world beneath me; of the finny herds that roam in the fathomless valleys; of shapeless monsters that lurk among the very foundations of the earth; and those wild phantasms that swell the tales of fishermen and sailors.

Sometimes a distant sail gliding along the edge of the ocean would be another theme of idle speculation. How interesting this fragment of a world hastening to rejoin the great mass of existence! What a glorious monument of human invention, that has thus triumphed over wind and wave; has brought the ends of the earth in communion; has established an interchange of blessings, pouring into the sterile regions of the north all the luxuries of the south; diffusing the light of knowledge and the charities of cultivated life; and has thus bound together those

scattered portions of the human race, between which nature seemed to have thrown an insurmountable barrier!

We one day descried some shapeless object drifting at a distance. At sea, every thing that breaks the monotony of the surrounding expanse attracts attention. It proved to be the mast of a ship that must have been completely wrecked; for there were the remains of handkerchiefs, by which some of the crew had fastened themselves to the spar, to prevent their being washed off by the waves. There was no trace by which the name of the ship could be ascertained. The wreck had evidently drifted about for many months; clusters of shell-fish had fastened about it, and long sea-weeds flaunted at its sides. But where, thought I, is the crew? Their struggle has long been over; -they have gone down amidst the roar of the tempest; -their bones lie whitening in the caverns of the deep. Silence-oblivion, like the waves, have closed over them, and no one can tell the story of their end.

What sighs have been wafted after that ship! what prayers offered up at the deserted fire-side of home! How often has the maiden, the wife, and the mother, pored over the daily news, to catch some casual intelligence of this rover of the deep! How has expectation darkened into anxiety-anxiety into dread-and dread into despair! Alas! not one memento shall return for love to cherish. All that shall ever be known is, that she sailed from her port, "and was never heard of more."

The sight of the wreck, as usual, gave rise to many dismal anecdotes. This was particularly the case in the evening, when the weather, which had hitherto been fair, Z 2

began to look wild and threatening, and gave indications of one of those sudden storms that will sometimes break in upon the serenity of a summer voyage. As we sat round the dull light of a lamp, in the cabin, that made the gloom more ghastly, every one had his tale of shipwreck and disaster. I was particularly struck with a short one related by the captain.

"As I was once sailing," said he, "in a fine stout ship across the banks of Newfoundland, one of the heavy fogs that prevail in those parts rendered it impossible for me to see far a-head, even in the day time; but at night the weather was so thick that we could not distinguish any object at twice the length of our ship. I kept lights at the mast-head, and a constant watch forward to look out for fishing-smacks, which are accustomed to lie at anchor on the banks. The wind was blowing a smacking breeze, and we were going at a great rate through the water. Suddenly the watch gave the alarm of 'a sail a-head!' but it was scarcely uttered till we were upon her. She was a small schooner at anchor, with her broadside towards us. The crew were all asleep, and had neglected to hoist a light. We struck her just a-mid-ships. The force, the size, and weight of our vessel, bore her down below the waves; we passed over her, and were hurried on our course.

"As the crashing wreck was sinking beneath us, I had a glimpse of two or three half-naked wretches, rushing from her cabin; they had just started from their beds to be swallowed shricking by the waves. I heard their drowning cry mingling with the wind. The blast that

bore it to our ears, swept us out of all further hearing. I shall never forget that cry! It was some time before we could put the ship about, she was under such headway. We returned, as nearly as we could guess, to the place where the smack was anchored. We cruised about for several hours in the dense fog. We fired several guns, and listened if we might hear the halloo of any survivors; but all was silent—we never heard nor saw any thing of them more!"

It was a fine sunny morning when the thrilling cry of "land!" was given from the mast-head. I question whether Columbus, when he discovered the new world, felt a more delicious throng of sensations than rush into an American's bosom when he first comes in sight of Europe. There is a volume of associations in the very name. It is the land of promise, teeming with every thing of which his childhood has heard, or on which his studious ears have pondered.

From that time until the period of arrival, it was all feverish excitement. The ships of war that prowled like guardian giants round the coast; the headlands of Ireland, stretching out into the channel; the Welsh mountains, towering into the clouds; all were objects of intense interest. As we sailed up the Mersey, I reconnoitred the shore with a telescope. My eye dwelt with delight on the neat cottages, with their trim shrubberies and green grass plots. I saw the mouldering ruins of an abbey overrun with ivy, and the taper spire of a village church rising from the brow of a neighbouring hill—all were characteristic of England.

The tide and wind were so favourable, that the ship was enabled to come at once at the pier. It was thronged with people; some idle lookers-on, others eager expectants of friends or relatives. I could distinguish the merchant to whom the ship belonged. I knew him by his calculating brow and restless air. His hands were thrust into his pockets; he was whistling thoughtfully, and walking to and fro, a small space having been accorded to him by the crowd, in deference to his temporary importance. There were repeated cheering and salutations interchanged between the shore and ship, as friends happened to recognise each other.

All was now hurry and bustle. The meetings of acquaintances—the greetings of friends—the salutations of men of business. I alone was solitary and idle. I had no friend to meet, no cheering to receive. I stepped upon the land of my forefathers—but felt that I was a stranger in the land.

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